

Bruce gets the boot from coaching soccer

WHS Principal refuses to renew contract. Petition of nearly 500 signatures, and growing, supports reinstatement

By JAMIE POTE
 Sports Editor

After 22 years of coaching in the Wilmington High School Athletic Department, Chip Bruce was informed last Wednesday afternoon by high school principal Eric Tracy that he would no longer be an assistant varsity soccer coach.

The status of his position as an assistant ice hockey coach has yet to be decided.

According to Bruce, Athletic Director Ed Harrison offered his Fall 2009 coaching recommendations to Tracy, but was informed

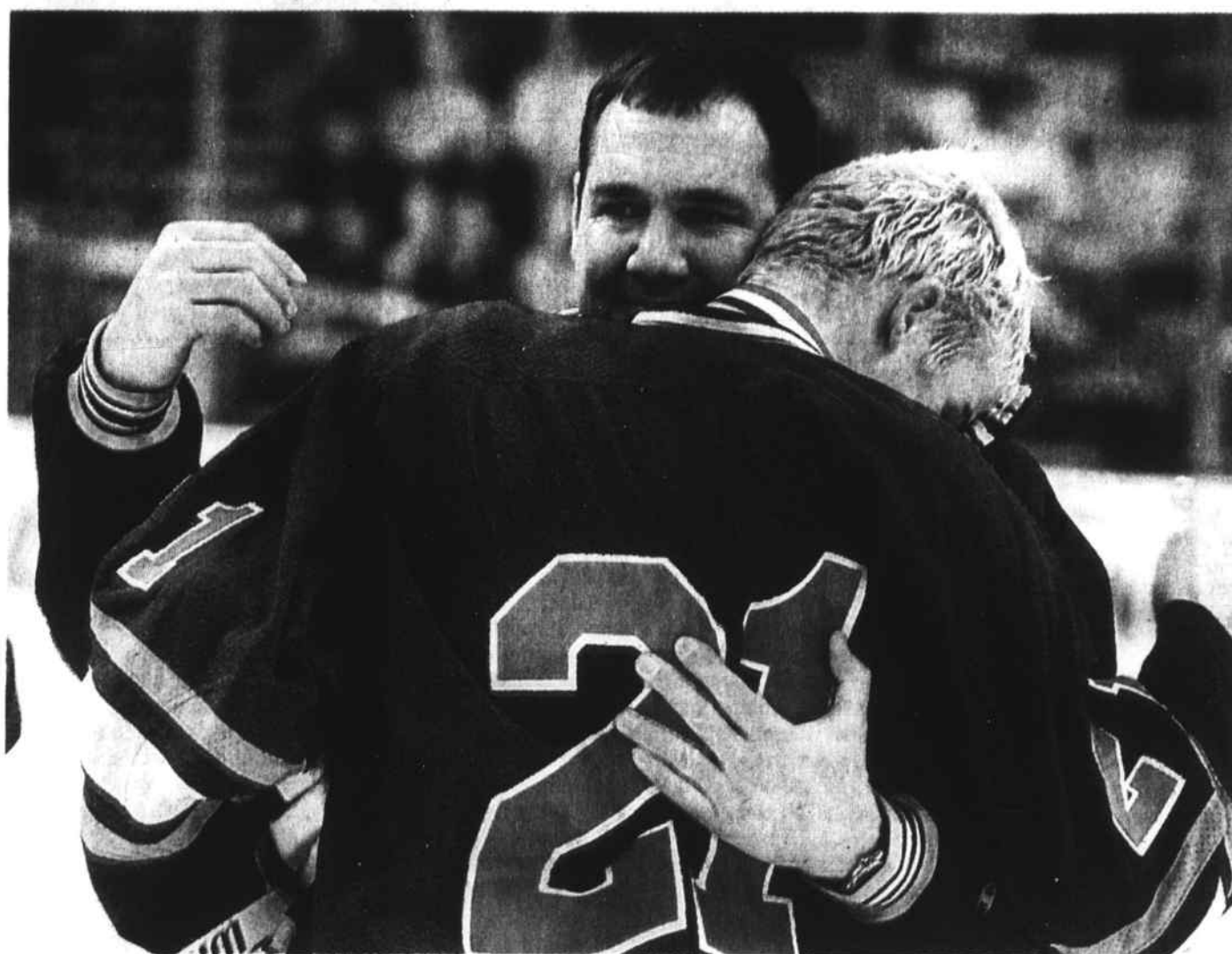
that Bruce's contract as an assistant soccer coach would not be renewed.

"Ed said that Eric didn't give him a reason [for the non-renewal of my contract]," Bruce said. "Ed said that he did recommend me for the job, but Eric decided not to accept his recommendation."

Last Wednesday, Bruce had, what he categorized as, a "very short" meeting with Tracy about the matter, and was left "insulted" by the entire ordeal.

"The meeting was very

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Wilmington High School assistant ice hockey coach Chip Bruce consoles captain Ernie Mello last season after the Wildcats were defeated in the Division 2 State Championship game at the TD BankNorth Garden. Bruce has no idea why WHS Principal Eric Tracy has decided not to allow him to coach soccer in the upcoming fall season.

File photo

Tewksbury man arrested for Wilmington house break

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY - Good timing and intuitive police work paid off for Wilmington Police when they arrested four suspects for a daytime housebreak and theft last week. The investigation crossed town lines with one suspect being a Tewksbury resident.

According to Wilmington Police Detective Lieutenant Christopher Neville, police were on high alert following a housebreak on Barbara Avenue Monday and an attempted break at an Anthony Avenue home the previous weekend. Police believe the Monday housebreak was interrupted when a friend of the homeowner dropped by to leave an item and inadvertently scared off the suspects. At that time, the kitchen door was forced in and only a couple of small items were removed from the house.

Two individuals were seen in the area using a cell phone before getting into a gray, mid-sized car, police learned after canvassing the neighborhood. Police then followed up on a lead in Tewksbury.

On Wednesday afternoon a gardener working for a local resident walked in on another daytime robbery, this time at 12:30 p.m. on Franklin Avenue in North Wilmington. Entering the home, the gardener heard voices and, "encountered one subject who was carrying a laptop computer under his arm," said Neville. The suspect ran out the front door and jumped into a silver car parked on the street two doors away. The suspect fled toward Arlene Avenue.

The gardener initially called the homeowner and then police. The Shift Commander, Lt. Scott Sencabaugh happened to be on Arlene Ave at the time and arrived at the house in a mere 30 seconds. However, due to a five-minute delay before calling authorities, the

suspect had successfully fled the area.

As other police units, including K-9 officer Eric Palmer and Kimmo, raced to the neighborhood, Det. Lt. Chris Neville and Det. Tom Miller noted a silver colored car in a driveway off Salem Road in Tewksbury. One of the residents of that house was the person whom police had received information about.

While officers checked Franklin Avenue and the surrounding area for witnesses and potential suspects, police intended to bring the witness to the scene to view the silver colored car. The suspect vehicle however, began backing out of the driveway and in the process Lt. Neville noted a rear seat passenger matching the description given by the gardener.

The vehicle occupants spotted the unmarked cruiser and

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Former Little League coach indicted

James Conner, formerly of Wilmington, accused of child rape, porn

By JAYNE W. MILLER

WOBURN - A former Wilmington Little League coach was indicted by a Grand Jury last week for multiple sexual crimes against children. James Conner, 51, of North Reading, coached a girls basketball team for the Melrose YMCA and is accused of raping two victims and videotaping the assaults over a period of years. Authorities are continuing the investigation and asking the public to come forward with any information relevant to the case.

According to sources in

Wilmington, Conner grew up in the Hathaway Acres neighborhood of Wilmington and coached the minor league Mets team roundabout the late 1970s, early 1980s, while in his twenties. It is not known when exactly he moved out of town, or where he lived prior to his current residence in North Reading.

Originally arrested February 12 at his North Reading home, Conner was initially arraigned February 13 in Woburn District Court on two counts of Rape of a Child by Force and one count of Indecent Assault and

Battery on a Child under 14. At the time, the charges were related to just one victim. Conner eventually posted a \$25,000 cash bail and was released under the condition of GPS monitoring.

Melrose and North Reading Police and members of the Middlesex District Attorney's Child Abuse and Cyber Enforcement Units continued to investigate the case.

According to a statement from the District Attorney's office, Conner allegedly committed numerous sexual assaults and inappropriate touchings against two victims

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James Conner



Sonny Rebeiro and Evan and Emily Pinto sat with the Easter Bunny at the Sons of Italy's annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, held this past Sunday at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall.

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Vale, Marchese poised to join School Committee

Uncontested race, two worthy candidates

By JAYNE W. MILLER

WILMINGTON: Mario Marchese and Quincy Vale stepped up this year to replace outgoing School Committee members Kim Peterson and Suzanne Cushing. Gregg D'Angeli did take out papers but did not return them in the end. Vale joined the race at the last minute, pulling papers a mere two days before they were due. Now, with no contested seats, the candidates are not campaigning hard, but they look forward to working hard for the town.

Anthony Quincy Vale, 40, prefers to go by his middle name. Married with three children, ages 11, 9, and 6, Vale has made Wilmington his family's home for 11 years. An energy and green building specialist, Vale runs a company called Powerhouse Enterprises, which specializes in green

building production and consulting. As such, he is very interested in the new high school project.

Vale has been thinking about running for a seat on the seven-member School Committee for several years. Now that his children are a bit older he has a little more time to devote to the committee. Previously serving on the cable board and currently a member of the citizen's advisory board to Reading Municipal Light, Vale has no shortage of experience around a committee meeting.

Because D'Angeli dropped out of the race, School Committee Chair Peggy Kane contacted Vale and encouraged him to run for a seat.

As far as the schools go, right now Vale does not have any significant worries, but shares the same concerns many residents have: bud-

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Wilmington High School's Junior Prom was held last Friday night. Olivia Fuller, Rayner Jake, Vyvtoria Pantano, Kyle Bernardo, Steph Benson, Cole Carter, Michelle Bortone, Mike Chiricosta, Julie Braid, Sean Tavares, Alicia Days, Lance Flaherty, Aubrey Ungvasky, Eric Lunt, Heather Kealos, Caleb Rogers, Alyssa Fiorentino, Rich Barry, Nichole Lunt, Nick Boutoures, Lauren Zarembo, Eric Murray, Jackie Zarembo, Marty Bamberg, Jessica Burke, Jeff Kannelly were some of the attendees. Photo by Kate Doherty

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over the course of several years, both at his home in North Reading and at the YMCA after-school programs. Both victims were under the age of 14 at the time the crimes were alleged to have been committed.

The investigation also alleges that Conner used a hidden camera to both video and audio record himself sexually assaulting his victims, as well as filming the victims in various states of nudity. Authorities recovered the

recordings as the result of a search warrant executed at Conner's home at the time of his arrest.

Further, authorities found thousands of images and videos of child pornography on an external hard drive. The images mostly depict children unrelated to this investigation which have been widely disseminated in the past and who are known to and identified by law enforcement officials worldwide.

As a result of the investigation, a Grand Jury indicted

Conner on April 2 and he was arraigned Monday in Middlesex Superior Court on charges of rape of child by force (5 counts), indecent assault and battery on a child (4 counts), posing a child in a state of nudity (2 counts), possession of child pornography (4 counts), posing a child in sexual conduct (2 counts), photographing/videotaping a nude person without their knowledge, interception of oral communications, and intimidation of a witness.

According to a statement from Middlesex District

Attorney Gerald Leone's office, the Commonwealth requested Conner be held on \$100,000 cash bail with conditions, including no use of computer equipment or cameras. Clerk Magistrate Matthew Daye ordered Conner's previous \$25,000 cash bail, which Conner had already posted, be transferred from district court and imposed conditions including house arrest. Conner's next date is April 30 for a pre-trial conference.

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sped toward Main Street (Rt. 38) in Tewksbury, leading police on a brief chase down Phillips Avenue onto Lucille Drive in Tewksbury. Lucille Drive is a dead end street and thus the car chase ended abruptly at the end of the cul-de-sac.

According to Neville, four subjects jumped out of the car. Two were immediately taken into custody, including the driver Arber Zezo. The remaining two fled on foot, scaling a six-foot fence and running through the neighborhood into a wooded and swampy area.

As Wilmington and Tewksbury police units raced to the scene, Lt. Sencabaugh, Officer Palmer and K-9 Kimo began to track through the neighborhood. The two suspects were observed running on several occasions as the K-9 began to close in. Within 15 minutes Sgt. Charlie Fiore, who had jumped into his personal vehicle to assist in the search, observed the suspects in the woods off Pringle St. The suspects were taken into custody a few minutes later.

A search of the house in Tewksbury, recovered the stolen laptop computer next to a shed in the yard.

Police arrested Edward Stanford; 28, Arber Zezo; 28, Jimmie Preval; 28, all of

Somerville, and Erving Nazaire; 19, of 187 Salem Road in Tewksbury. All four suspects were originally charged with breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony and larceny over \$250. They were subsequently bailed on Wednesday evening for a court appearance at Woburn District Court on Thursday, says Neville.

"A Clerk Magistrate refused to find probable cause against Jimmie Preval of Somerville although police expect to find additional evidence linking him to the scene," said Neville. "Charges were also reduced for Erving Nazaire who was arraigned on charges of Receiving Stolen Property over \$250. The cases for Arber Zezo and Edward Stanford were continued until June."

Homeowners on Phillips Avenue found several items of jewelry on the side of the street. Police recovered the jewelry, which was identified by the Franklin Street homeowner. Several other police agencies are also looking at Zezo for possible involvement in other housebreaks.

According to District Attorney's office, Erving Nazaire is in Lowell District Court this week for charges related to a 2007 breaking and entering.

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gets, continuation of services at the level and equality expected, along with maintaining and improving the system.

"I am not getting involved because I have a big complaint. I didn't get involved with a particular agenda, I got involved when I was approached," said Vale. "What I believe I would bring is good judgment. I am a

quick study, and I can take in a lot of information quickly. I can work in the context of a group, within a committee, to help make the best decisions possible."

Looking at the capital improvements slated for town meeting, Vale categorized them as "typical repair and maintenance" for district buildings.

Going to the polls on April 25, Vale would like residents to know that he's a conscientious, hard-working, curious and creative person.

"I will learn and do the best job that I'm capable of for the schools and the community," said Vale. "I wouldn't have agreed to do it if I couldn't give it my all."

Current Conservation Commission member Mario Marchese, a Wilmington resident of 12 years with two children, ages 10 and 8, decided to run for School Committee in part because of the advent of the new high school project. As a financial Controller with a background in heavy civil construction, Marchese believes

he has much to offer.

Marchese is concerned about the financial crisis facing the nation and notes that while it has not impacted Wilmington fully yet, he is concerned about how the situation will impact local aid and, by extension, the impact that may have on the school system as a whole.

So, when it comes to saving money, Marchese is no slouch. In light of the fiscal crisis, Marchese wants to "pool resources" with neighboring communities, similar to the Tri-Town Task Force for the I-93 interchange.

"Communities should come together and propose legislation," said Marchese. "We should pool resources where we can, where it makes sense."

As for the short-lived rumor mill that Wilmington and Tewksbury would consider becoming one school district, well Marchese discounts the idea, mainly for logistical reasons: students would have to cover long distances to get to school, and there would be more than 3,000 learners in the one building alone.

Looking toward goals, Marchese hopes that the town will vote for a new high school and that it is done with an eye to smart investments.

"I want a school that will fulfill the needs of the town for the next 50 to 60 years that is built fiscally responsibly," said Marchese. "Not a taj mahal like Newton."

Unlike Vale, Marchese remains skeptical about green building.

"Some 'green' designs cost more to implement and maintain than it will save in energy costs," Marchese. "I don't want to be testing unproven technology just to save a small percentage of the overall cost of the project, particularly if it means that it will drive up costs in the long run."

Going to the polls, Marchese hopes voters remember that Wilmington is a close-knit community and that investing in the schools helps maintain property values.

"Investment in our schools is an investment in the future of Wilmington," says Marchese. "One of the first things families ask about a town is what the school system is like. But we also need to be responsible about what we do. We have to do it in a managed way. I just want to make sure that we spend our money in a responsible way that we don't spend away our children's future."

Volunteer with homeless children

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For more information, visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, call Heidi at 978-557-2182 or email northeast@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

Rep. Jim Miceli, House pass sweeping ethics reform

Bill toughens lobbying laws and gives more tools to regulators

BOSTON - State Rep. Jim Miceli joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing a broad package of ethics and campaign finance reform. The bill which is now at the Senate for consideration gives the Secretary of State and the State Ethics Commission broader powers to investigate and examine all financial disclosures required through the campaign finance laws, also places more rigorous regulations on lobbyists and their activities.

Through the work of Rep. Miceli and other members of the House, this package expands on the work done by the Task force on Public Integrity, appointed by Governor Patrick in November. While it embraces such proposals as enhancing the civil powers of the Secretary of State to enforce lobbying laws and gives the Attorney General the ability to call a statewide grand jury for inquiries into local corrup-

tion, it also addresses the area of campaign finance. Finally, it expands the power of the State Ethics commission to regulate conflicts of interest, gifts and gratuities to public employees, requiring public officials to avoid an appearance that they can be improperly influenced.

If passed, the bill would double the disclosure requirement of legislators to file during off-election years and permit the Office of Campaign and Political Finance to refer violations of campaign finance laws directly to the Attorney General. It further prohibits officials from using campaign accounts to pay fines for ethical violations and mandates electronic filing of \$500 donations prior to an election contest.

Said Rep. Miceli, "This is a good first step as the House strives to correct abuses that have gone on in the past." The public deserves nothing but the best from its elected and appointed officials."

It's Your Money

by Joyce Brisbois



DID YOU FILE?

Have you filed your income tax return, electronically or by mail? Or is it ready to go? (Some people who owe money don't want to send it until the last minute.)

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If you haven't filed yet for this year, there's still time to file for an extension. You'll have to include a payment close to what you estimate you would owe, but there are no penalties involved. See you tax professional promptly for help.

If you are behind a few years, see your tax professional for help before you are contacted by the IRS or state authorities.

The wisest course is to file as soon as possible, even if your information is incomplete. This can mitigate criminal penalties.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009

41st Annual Good Guy Dinner

WILMINGTON - After careful deliberation, the Good Guy Committee has selected this year's Good Guy from the many nominations received. We have many good guys in our community, and we would like to thank all those who took the time to nominate those they felt were most deserving.

The Committee will honor this year's outstanding recipient with its 41st annual dinner, Friday, May 8, 2009, at

the Knights of Columbus Hall, School Street Ext., Wilmington. The evening will begin with a social time at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by the awards presentations and a good-natured "roast" honoring our Good Guy.

Tickets are priced at \$25.00 per person and can be purchased from the following:

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Wilmington Cooks

by Paula Murphy

Easter is my favorite holiday. In our house it's all about the ricotta: sciuscedo (see Vita Orlando Sinopoli's recipe for this special Italian Easter soup in our October 1st column), pizzagiena, manicotti, stuffed artichokes (o.k., no ricotta there), and sweet ricotta pie. Somewhere in there is also a ham or a leg of lamb, but it's these five recipes that are the centerpiece of the Easters I grew up with. I could even do without the manicotti, because they're a lot of work to make, but there'd be treason in the house if I left them off the menu. So, the family sits around Saturday night sampling the pizzagiena made that morning, playing cribbage and chess, and helping with the manicotti. I hope you'll try some of these recipes. I think you'll enjoy them as much as we do.

Pizzagiena

(This recipe is huge, filling two lasagna pans. If you're not feeding a horde, halve it.)

Dough (make two batches) (I've been cheating and using 6 or 7 Pillsbury pie crusts sprinkled with pepper for the last several years. No one has complained.)

4 ounces vegetable oil
2 tablespoons black pepper
4 eggs
5 cups flour
¾ warm water

Put flour and black pepper in a bowl. Add oil and press together to blend. Make a well and add eggs, lightly beaten, then water, a little at a time, until you have a soft but firm dough. Knead 5 minutes, and let rest ¼ hour. Roll out 2/3 to fit the bottom of your pan, then roll out the rest for a lattice

top.

Filling
2 large ricottas
1 dozen eggs
½ pound provolone in a chunk.

1 pound Romano cheese, grated
1 pound boiled ham, in a chunk
1 pepperoni, diced
1 Abruzzese salami
½ pound sweet cappocolo in a chunk

1 ½ pounds fresh cheese (available at our supermarkets at Easter only)
½ pound prosciutto
Dice cold cuts (except prosciutto) and fresh cheese. Mix all ingredients, except prosciutto, thoroughly. Pour into prepared crust and cover with a layer of prosciutto. Lay lattice top crust, brush with a beaten egg, and bake at 350 degrees for 1 ½ hours. Serve cold or at room temperature.

Manicotti

Dough

6 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon olive oil
3 eggs
1 cup boiling water

Mound the flour on a clean counter, and make a well in its center. Add salt, oil and eggs to the well, mixing with your fingers until it reaches a grainy texture. Make another well, and slowly add hot water until you have a soft pliable dough. If it's too wet, add a little more flour. If it seems too dry, add a little more water. Knead dough for at least 10 minutes, but more likely until your arms are too tired to move anymore, until dough is elastic and smooth. Pat it with a little water, and let it rest in a covered bowl for ½ hour. Make the filling while the

dough rests. When it's ready, divide it in half, and roll it out very thinly—you're aiming for paper thin. Cut the dough into 5" by 6" rectangles. Cook in boiling salted water for approximately 12 minutes, or until al dente. Loosen them in the drainer occasionally with your fingers as they cool, so they won't stick.

Filling
2 pounds ricotta
4 large eggs
2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
salt and pepper to taste
2 quarts of your favorite sauce

Mix all and drop two tablespoons onto a manicotti sheet. Roll carefully, tucking sides in, burrito style, and place filled manicotti in a lasagna pan in which a little sauce has been ladled. Continue until all are done, and cover with sauce. Refrigerate until ready to use (no more than overnight), freeze without sauce, or bake at 400 degrees, covered with foil, for ½ hour. Serve with additional sauce.

Stuffed Artichokes

4 large artichokes
1 ½ cups seasoned bread crumbs
½ grated Parmesan cheese
2 garlic cloves, minced
salt and pepper to taste
olive oil

Cut off the stems of the artichokes. Grasping firmly and laying each artichoke on its side, slice off about 1" from the top of each. Soak in cold water for ten minutes to clean and loosen leaves. In a large bowl, mix

together bread crumbs, cheese, garlic, salt and pepper, and enough oil to moisten stuffing. Fill each leave of the artichokes, separating the leaves as you go, until each is well-stuffed. Put artichokes in a deep saucepan with enough water to cover up to 1" from their tops. Cover pan and let water come to a boil. Lower heat, and simmer for 1 hour or until tender. Serve immediately, or warm gently in a 350 degree oven when ready to serve.

Sweet Ricotta Pie

Dough (again, I've been known to cheat with 3 Pillsbury pie crusts)

2 cups flour
2/3 cups Crisco
1 egg
¼ teaspoon salt

8 tablespoons cold water
Sift the flour and salt, and cut in shortening. Add the egg and water, and blend until pie dough forms. Roll out the dough to fit a small lasagna pan, about 12" x 9".

Filling
2 pounds ricotta
4 eggs, separated
1 ½ cups sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup milk
½ teaspoon salt
confectionary sugar

Blend all ingredients except egg whites well. Beat egg whites until foamy, and fold in. Pour filling into the pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes, lower heat to 375 degrees, and bake 45 minutes more. Sprinkle with confectionary sugar when cool. Serve cold.

Please send your recipes and stories to paula.wilmingtoncooks@hotmail.com.

Letters to the editor

Preserve or demolish

A study by Archetype Architecture, Inc. entitled "Wilmington Space Needs" was submitted to the people on April 8, 1997. This was the study that recommended a new public safety building and a new middle school; the people so voted and the buildings came into being. But another recommendation of that study was the continued maintenance of the Swain School (never carried out and confirms Frank West's observation of "Demolition by Neglect") and a recommendation that the Swain be used as a Municipal Town Hall.

In 2003 at the request of the Town of Wilmington, Tappe Associates presented an in-depth study of four sites to build a Library upon; the Swain being one. Drayton Fair of Tappe the architectural engineering specialist talked at length of the nature of the Swain site and the Old High School. He used all of the resources of his firm to do all of the investigations: soil, water table, drainage, parking, building structure, visibility, access, etc. Drayton Fair, the building professional, stated on two occasions in his presentations to the people that it would cost 1.5 million dollars to bring the Swain building up to present code including heating, wiring, plumbing, new roof repair, brick pointing, and asbestos removal to a finished state so that the building could become the Municipal Center including the School Administration. He also stated that it would withstand seismic activity (earthquakes). I remind the readers that at the Town Meeting of

1999 the Town Manager quite succinctly stated that it would cost 2.5 million to refurbish (I submit that he did not have the expertise of Drayton Fair). No matter what figure used it is still pretty inexpensive to upgrade such a substantial building. (For comparison go see the Demoulas Structures being knocked over: steel, mock bricks, and plasterboard.)

Asbestos removal is a science done by professionals under the strict guidance of EPA and PEP. The most tedious and time consuming labor is the encapsulation of the building (taping up plastic sheets over windows and doors with vacuum machines to catch all airborne particles); Norm on "This Old House" does it on every job. The waste is removed by well-protected professionals in the appropriate manner and delivered to an EPA/PEP approved material handling site.

I think that it would serve the town to preserve the building rather than to make a 150-car parking lot.

All reference notes are attached to this letter (Interested parties would serve themselves well to review the Archetype Report and Tappe Summary Document and more beneficial to view their entire Feasibility Study. Also attached to this letter are photos of preserved buildings in surrounding towns; Burlington, Reading, Andover, Billerica, and Chelmsford.

Gerry O'Reilly
Wilmington

Hospitable Public Safety

Dear Editor,

We would like to publicly thank Wilmington's Fire and Police Departments for letting Cub Scout Pack 361, Den 10, of Wilmington, MA come for a tour on Monday, March 31, 2009. The Fire Department allowed the boys to look at the ambulance and fire truck and also had one of their own put on his firefighter gear to show the Scouts what happens when he has to go into a burning building, lay on the floor and search his way around. The Firemen answered numerous questions from curious 8 year old boys and made sure the

Scouts knew what to do in case of an emergency!

We then moved into the Police Station where the Scouts were able to see the Dispatch area. It gave them a sense of what happens next when a call comes in from 911. We were given a tour of the holding cells as well as a chance to see what the inside of a police car looks like. The boys really enjoyed themselves and so did the adults!! Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Niki Wilson - Leader
Kim Smith - Leader
Wilmington

Petition is growing

Dear Friends,
Recently, the second Annual Legislative Meeting sponsored by the Tewksbury SPED PAC was held on March 26, which our state delegation was slated to attend. Unfortunately, only State Senator Susan Tucker attended briefly; State Representatives Barry Finegold and James Miceli were absent due to reportedly necessary State hearings. An aide to U.S. Representative Niki Tsongas was also in attendance.

The focus of this meeting was education funding on the State level. Many residents sought to have their questions answered. A petition with over 500 signatures was presented to the legislators and aides. This petition, referenced below, asked the officials to work on getting the Foundation Formula budget changed at the State level and bring more funding

to Tewksbury so that we can adequately pay for mandated costs (i.e. special education, transportation, etc.) without further diminishing town and, particularly, school services. Additional funds are needed from the State to improve the financial stability of Tewksbury now more than ever.

I am writing now to inform you that another meeting has been scheduled to discuss these same issues. That meeting will be held on April 13, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Wynn Middle School library.

In the meantime, we believe that our initial petition efforts have not been without merit. It is our hope to continue to be clear about our concerns and push for action. There is strength in numbers. We will be delivering the petition to our state delegation on April 13. The signature list is growing slowly and we hope to garner

as many more names as possible before this next meeting.

If you have not yet signed the petition, please take a moment to make your voice heard via this link: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/increase-funding-for-education-in-tewksbury> And, don't forget to forward the link to your spouse as well as your Tewksbury friends and relatives.

We need our state delegation to lobby for more fund-

ing for Tewksbury. Please read this article to see how other Senators are lobbying for more money for towns that did not receive any stimulus money: http://www.lowellsun.com/today/headlines/ci_11991737

Please share this message and work with us to have our voices heard!

Thanks!
Michelle Beckman
Tewksbury
Andrea Regina
Tewksbury

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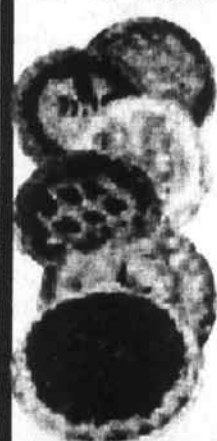
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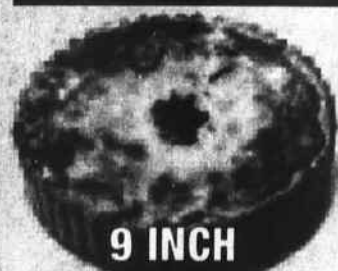
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A big thank-you to Wilmington's Fire and Police departments from Cub Scout Pack 361, Den 10, of Wilmington (see letter to the editor on page 4). The Fire Department and Police Department went to great lengths to show the boys around the Public Safety Building. From Left: Joey DeSario, Sam Dalke, Joseph Consorti, Billy Hart, Nathan Stark, (Sibling Scouts: David Stark, Jake Wilson), Josh Smith, Sam Wilson, Thomas Leaden, Aiden Briere and Johnnie Bumpus.



Nicole Fairweather voted in precinct 3A where Mary DiBella and Noreen Arcand were working the polls at Town Hall for Tewksbury's Annual Town Election last Saturday. There were several contested races on the ballot, with all eyes on the races for Board of Selectmen and School Committee. David Gay and Scott Wilson won seats on the Tewksbury Board of Selectmen and Dennis Francis and Jayne Miller won seats on the School Committee.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

DA Leone announces PSA project for high school students to speak out against teen dating violence

WOBURN - In an effort to spark a positive dialogue amongst young people and help prevent instances of teen dating violence, Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone today announced a new initiative in which high school students will produce their own Public Service Announcement videos designed to speak out against teen dating violence.

The project, created in conjunction with Middlesex Partnerships For Youth, Inc. and REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, was announced in a letter distributed recently by District Attorney Leone to superintendents in the 54 communities of Middlesex County. The winning PSA will be distributed to be aired on Boston television stations.

"The time is now to spark a new dialogue about teen dating violence," District Attorney Leone said. "We believe the most effective communicators about this issue are young people themselves. The goal is for students to use these PSAs as a forum to communicate a direct, positive message to other teens to help prevent teen dating violence."

REACH Executive Director Laura Van Zandt is excited about the initiative. "Leadership from peers is critical to changing how teens define their dating relationships," Van Zandt said. "Dating abuse is about power and control. Talking about what makes a relationship unhealthy, or being a friend to someone in an abusive relationship, can be really hard. This contest is a fun and creative way for youth in Middlesex County to set the tone for the conversation and make it clear that they will not ignore unhealthy relationships. Instead, they will step

up and speak out."

Teen dating violence has been a focus of the District Attorney's Office and Domestic Violence service organizations like REACH. However, the recent incident in which pop star Chris Brown was charged with allegedly assaulting his girlfriend, Rihanna, has placed a new spotlight on this troubling dynamic.

Among the statistics that demonstrate the challenges we face regarding the issue of teen dating violence include:

- 1 in 3 teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner

- Youth, specifically between the ages of 16 to 24, experience the highest per capita rate of intimate partner violence in the nation

- Following news reports on the alleged incident between Chris Brown and Rihanna, a survey of Boston teens revealed that 46% of respondents believed that Rihanna was in some way responsible. In addition, 44% said that fighting was a normal part of a relationship

To enter, high school students from Middlesex County communities are asked to produce and submit their own 30 or 60-second PSA about the issue of teen dating violence. Topics could include, but are not limited to:

- Speaking out against abuse
- Understanding that physical and verbal abuse is never an acceptable part of a healthy relationship
- Recognizing abusive behavior or an abusive relationship
- Stepping in and standing up to abusive behavior by a friend

Entries can be submitted by

individual students, student groups, classes or sports teams. Students must submit their PSAs no later than May 14.

Upon receiving the entries, a panel of students, educators, domestic violence experts, and members of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office will review the entries. Boston advertising and PR agency Conover Tuttle Pace (ctpboston.com) will work with the students to professionally edit and produce the winning videos. The winning PSA will then be submitted to all Boston television stations. Students, teachers, or parents with questions about the Teen Dating Violence PSA Project can contact Margie Daniels at 781-897-6808.

To learn more about teen dating violence, please visit:

- www.reachma.org/pavenet
- www.loveisnotabuse.com
- www.safeyouth.org/scripts/topics/datingviolence.asp

Since he began serving as Middlesex District Attorney in January 2007, Leone has launched a number of initiatives to better serve victims and enhance the investigation and prosecution of

domestic violence cases. Leone created the office's Domestic Violence Unit, a team of specific prosecutors and victim witness advocates charged with investigating and prosecuting DV cases. That unit also offers comprehensive trainings for local police departments as well as organizes community-based Domestic Violence Roundtables throughout the county. In addition, Leone created a first-of-its-kind program to help victims of domestic violence during the restraining order process. Specifically, because prosecutors are not allowed to represent victims during that process, Leone's office has partnered with two private firms to help assure that victims are afforded pro bono legal services during these restraining order hearings that are critical in helping victims extricate themselves from abusive relationships. Leone's office has also partnered with organizations to form community-based DV rapid response programs.

For more information on this PSA project, please visit www.middlesexda.com.

Wilmington Rec. Dept has tickets The Jersey Boys are coming to Boston!

The 2006 Tony Award-winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons is finally coming to Boston. This is the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide - all before they were 30! Enjoy such songs as "Sherry," "Big

Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." The Wilmington Rec. Dept. has tickets available for the 8 p.m. performance at the Shubert Theatre on Friday, September 4. Cost is \$112, which includes orchestra seat.

To register for this or other Recreation Department programs stop by Town Hall, Room 8. For more information, call (978) 658-4270.

Westfield State College names local students to Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Westfield State College in Westfield, MA., has recently named the following local students to the Dean's List of the fall 2008 semester.

- Jennifer Comer, of Wilmington is currently majoring in movement science.
- Anna Doten, of Wilmington is currently majoring in art.
- Jesse Shippie, of Wilmington is currently majoring in criminal justice.
- Joseph Mayo, of Wilmington is currently majoring in criminal justice.
- Anthony Azevedo, of Wilmington is currently majoring in criminal justice.
- Elizabeth Boland, of Wilmington is currently majoring in elementary education.
- Peter Rastellini, of Wilmington is currently majoring in criminal justice.
- Nicole Sauve, of Wilmington is currently majoring in psychology.
- Krista Murphy, of Wilmington is currently majoring in movement science.
- William Papageorgiou, of Wilmington is currently majoring in criminal justice.
- Charlie Waitt, of

Wilmington is currently majoring in undeclared.

- Matthew Ruggiero, of Wilmington is currently majoring in psychology.

- Jill Manganelli, of Wilmington is currently majoring in elementary education.

- Janice Folk, of Wilmington is currently majoring in communication.

To receive Dean's List status, a student must complete a 12-hour semester with a GPA of at least 3.3 (B+); have no grade below a 2.0 (C); and have no incomplete grades.

Westfield State is a four-year, coeducational, comprehensive public college. The most residential of the nine Massachusetts state colleges, Westfield State takes pride in its warm, comfortable atmosphere and small class sizes. Our priorities are dynamic, effective teaching, and student involvement in the life of the college and the community. Students benefit from Westfield State's emphasis on service and experiential learning. It's the perfect environment for getting a well-rounded education while achieving specialized goals. For admission information, call (413) 572-5218 or visit www.wsc.ma.edu.

PSST - Free postage for chain letters - pass it on.

WILMINGTON - It is harder to squelch a rumor than to kill a vampire. Just when you think they are dead, they rear their ugly heads again. And all it takes is a mouse-click to revive and reproduce them.

The "Guinness chain letter - no postage required" story is re-circulating among kids, and letters are entering the mail stream with "Guinness Book of World Records for Kids" written on the envelope in lieu of postage. Some parents become angry and call the Post Office to complain when the letters are returned to their children for postage.

Of course, neither the Postal Service nor Guinness endorses the campaign, but spreading the word to kids is difficult.

The rumor began as an e-mail and in 2001 a hard copy version of the leg-pull began

appearing in the mailboxes of kids everywhere. It states the chain letter was started in 1986 by Austrian children and if it is kept circulating until a certain date, the chain will be recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records with each of the participants named. Recipients are instructed to copy the missive six times and then mail the letter to six youngsters. Each of the envelopes is to be inscribed "POST OFFICE: THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS CHAIN LETTER."

Guinness does not accept any records relating to chain letters, and the Postal Service does not deliver mail without postage (with the exception of Free Matter for the Blind.)

April Book Showers at the Book Store Next Door

WILMINGTON - Rain or shine, Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., you are bound to find something in the Friends of the Library's used bookstore (located next door to the Wilmington Memorial Library, 183 Middlesex Avenue). This weekend is your last chance for children's Easter books or Easter basket stuffers, but it's refreshing to be able to look ahead to gardening and summer projects.

Whatever the occasion: poetry month, National Wildlife week, Dickens on PBS, etc., there is always a theme that you can follow if you need an excuse to shop for used books! To get the best shot at our ever-changing stock, give some thought now for Mothers' and Fathers' days; we have terrific collections of cookbooks, sports, humorous short stories, popular fiction, and different hobbies, etc. If undecided, purchase a gift certificate.

In addition to your regular donations, the Middle School ran a book drive and just last week donated hundreds of great books to us. Whatever we can't use gets passed along to other literacy groups, children's programs, prisons, the troops, Got Books, etc. Teachers from neighboring communities also have discovered that we have terrific books, particularly for the grade school classroom, but we would encourage all levels of students to check us out when your reading lists are distributed. Teachers, if we know in advance we can set aside your summer requirements.

Penny by penny adds up to be many, and our books are such a deal, especially given the difficult economy. All the proceeds support the library. Contact Leslie Dietrich, 978.657.6536 or lesd4@verizon.net for volunteer opportunities or questions.

Many thanks for your continued support - shopping and donating.

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Justin DeRosa on dean's list

Justin DeRosa of Wilmington has been named to the dean's list at Notre Dame University for outstanding scholarship during the Fall semester.

Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Justin is the son of John and Regina DeRosa of Hathaway Road, Wilmington.



John Burns, Debra Ouellette, and Denise and Paul Harris enjoyed toasted ravioli from Cappellini's and chocolate cake from the Tewksbury Country Club at the Rotary Club's Taste of Tewksbury on Wednesday night.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Wilmington Recreation presents:

Bar Harbor, Nova Scotia & Cabot Trail

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Recreation Dept. has designed this new escorted adventure just for you! Join them from Sunday - Saturday, August 2 - 8 for a trip that includes a voyage on the CAT, breathtaking scenery, and elegant accommodations.

This trip includes overnight accommodations at the Acadia Inn in Bar Harbor, high speed ferry transportation aboard The CAT from Bar Harbor to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, two nights at the deluxe Lord Nelson Hotel, a scenic ride along Nova Scotia's North Shore, a guided city tour of

Historic Halifax (Government House, Public Gardens, Fairview Cemetery with Titanic Gravesites, Citadel National Historic Site), two nights at the charming Inverary Resort in Baddeck, free time at Peggy's Cove, travel along the Cabot Trail, visits to Cape Breton National Park, Pleasant Bay and Lone Sheiling, one night at the Hilton Hotel in St. John and a stop en route home in Kennebunkport. Cost of this 7-day/6-night trip is \$1,184 p.p.d.o. which includes the above itinerary plus motor-coach transportation, six breakfasts and four dinners, all

taxes and gratuities (except driver & escort). Stop by the Recreation Department office for a complete flyer. To register for this

or other Recreation Department programs stop by Town Hall, Room 8. For more information, call (978) 658 - 4270.

Reading High Class of 59 seeks missing members

READING - The Class of 1959 Reading Memorial High School will hold their 50th anniversary October 10th 2009

Do you know where any of these missing people are?

Judith Barrett, Nancy Bowker Perry, Sal D'Allessandro, Richard Gray, Frank Hamilton, Sandra Lionstone, Linda McCarthy Taylor, Carol O' Donnell, Evelyn Skitzi, Beverly Stephenson, Diane Villella, Richard Barrett, Beverly Butt Dione, Charlotte Gannon, Walter Gray, Patricia Hoyt

Johns, Philip MacDonald, Frank McDermott, Stephen Murray, David Petroni, Richard C. Smith, Shirley Sun, Carol Wadman, Carol Beauchamp Crosby, Katherine Chase O'Dell Shipe, Marilyn Foley, Paulette Goguen, Sally Grundy Maher, Harry Hubbard, Suzanne Maguire, Francis McMullen, Barbara Nelson, Judith Ralston, Richard S. Smith, Thomas Swenson, Judith Whitehouse. Please contact Joan Kyle Bendery at 781-326-2071 jkbendery@rcn.com



Week of April 13 WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Boutwell & Wildwood

Monday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a roll, potato wedges, peaches

Tuesday: Chicken Drumsticks, whipped potato, carrots, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit

Wednesday: Bagel w/ cheese stick, strawberries, raisins, cookie

Thursday: Pizza stick, tossed salad w/ low fat dressing, pears

Friday: Whole grain pizza slice, carrots sticks w/ low fat dip, pineapple

Elementary

Monday: Monday: Monday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a roll, potato wedges, peaches

Tuesday: Chicken Drumsticks, whipped potato, carrots, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit

Wednesday: French toast stick w/ syrup, sausage links, juice, strawberries

Thursday: Hard Taco w/ seasoned meat, shredded cheese, lett. tom. brown rice, pears

Friday: Whole grain pizza slice, carrots sticks w/ low fat dip, pineapple

Middle School

Monday: Monday: Monday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a roll, potato wedges, peaches

Tuesday: Chicken Pot Pie, whipped potato, whole wheat roll, peaches

Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich on white or wheat bread, oven fries, strawberries

Thursday: Hard or soft Taco w/ seasoned meat, shredded cheese, lett. tom. brown rice, pears

Friday: Whole grain pizza slice, carrots sticks w/ low fat dip, pineapple

High School

Monday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a roll, potato wedges, mixed fruit

Tuesday: Oven fried chicken, garlic noodles, broccoli, orange wedges

Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich on white or wheat bread, oven fries, strawberries

Thursday: Hard or soft Taco w/ seasoned meat, shredded cheese, lett. tom. brown rice, pears

Friday: Whole grain pizza slice, carrots sticks w/ low fat dip, pineapple

TEWKSBURY

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

K-4th

Monday: Chicken Patty on a Roll, oven fries, veg of the day, graham sticks, juice or fruit, milk

Tuesday: Nacho chips w/ cheese or beef, potato wedges veg of the day, salsa/sour cream, fruit or juice, milk

Wednesday: Cheeseburger on a roll, tater tots w/ ket., Caesar salad - croutons, fruit or juice, milk

Thursday: Tom. soup w/ crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, veg. sticks w/ dip, baked Doritos, fruit or juice, milk

Friday: The Max Pizza Stixs w/ sauce, veg Stixs, tossed salad w/ dressing, fruit, milk Half day, no lunch grades 5 - 12

Tewksbury 5th - 12th

Monday: Chicken Patty on a Roll, oven fries, veg of the day, graham sticks, juice or fruit, milk

Tuesday: Nacho chips w/ cheese or beef, potato wedges veg of the day, salsa/sour cream, fruit or juice, milk

Wednesday: Cheeseburger on a roll, tater tots w/ ket., Caesar salad - croutons, fruit or juice, milk

Thursday: Tom. soup w/ crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, asst cold veg. w/ dip, baked Doritos, fruit or juice, milk

Friday: Half day, no lunch grades 5 - 12

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McWilliams	\$7.99
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OBITUARIES

Kathleen Grimes of Tewksbury; 58

TEWKSBURY - Kathleen (Sears) Grimes, age 58, died Friday afternoon, April 3, 2009, at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center, surrounded by her family, following a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of George E. Grimes, with whom she had celebrated a 39th wedding anniversary this past July 11th.

She was born in Somerville, September 11, 1950, a daughter of the late Robert and Kathleen (Laurence) Sears. She was raised in Somerville where she resided until she moved to Tewksbury in 2001.

She was described by her husband as having unselfishly devoted her life to her family.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons and a daughter-in-law, George L. and Stephanie (Ruark) Grimes of Billerica, and John C. Grimes of Tewksbury; two grandchildren, Matthew and Hannah Grimes; a sister, Lois Follet of Tewksbury; a brother, Paul



Sears of Andover, NH; and many neices and nephews.

Relatives and friends were received Monday, April 6, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 in MA or 978) 851-2950. Her Funeral Service followed on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Interment was private.

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Cheryl A. Jamison

Wilmington resident; loved family and friends



Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Cheryl's name may be made to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Especially for Cats, 545 Route 101, Bedford, NH 03110.

Arrangements under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Laurie A. Sawyer

volunteered at Camp 40 Acres, Clara Barton Camp and Mission of Deeds

WILMINGTON - Ms. Laurie A. Sawyer, age 40, of Wilmington, died unexpectedly, Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the Winchester Hospital, following a lengthy battle with diabetes. Born in Woburn, MA, on April 19, 1968, Laurie was the beloved daughter of Victor G. & Diane J. (Rossi) Sawyer of Wilmington. Laurie grew up in Wilmington, she attended Wilmington Public Schools and graduated from Wilmington High School Class of 1987.

Laurie was very involved in community service and doing for others, she volunteered at Camp 40 Acres in Wilmington. She was a camper and then a Counselor for many years at the Clara Barton Camp which is sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Clinic. Laurie along with her son Ryan volunteered countless hours for the Mission of Deeds where they helped many people in need. Laurie loved children, she babysat for everyone, and the

Arthur J. Lamoureux Retired from Raytheon; 68

TEWKSBURY - Arthur J. "Bobo" Lamoureux, age 68, died Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington. He was the husband of Barbara M. (Collins) Lamoureux, with whom he had celebrated a 42nd wedding anniversary this past July 2nd.

He was born in Lowell, June 12, 1940; a son of the late Ludger and Lena Lamoureux, and was raised in Lowell. He moved to Tewksbury in 1971.

During the Vietnam Era, he served in the U.S. Army.

He retired from Raytheon's West Andover facility where he had worked for over 25 years, culminating as a final inspector for the Patriot Missile system.

He was an active member of the St. William's Parish community, and a member of the former Couples Club at the church. He was also an avid Patriots football fan, an accomplished Chef, and was described as having devoted his life to his family life.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Carol-Ann Lee of Tewksbury, and Cynthia Lee Kinnon and her husband John Kinnon of Tewksbury; four grandchildren, Matthew and Haley Kinnon, Justin Lamoureux and Emma Lee; a sister-in-law, Rosemary Lamoureux of



S.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also brother of the late David Lamoureux.

His Funeral will be held Monday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 in MA or 978) 851-2950. His Funeral Mass will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury, followed by committal prayers at St. Mary's Cemetery, No. Tewksbury. Visiting hours Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Oblate Father's Infirmary Fund, 496 Chandler St. Tewksbury, MA 01876 or the Tewksbury Food Pantry, 999 Whipple Rd., Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be appreciated. tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Jonathan M. Reed Loved to go camping and traveling

WILMINGTON - Jonathan M. Reed, age 24, a life-long resident of Jones Ave in Wilmington, died unexpectedly, on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at the Winchester Hospital. Born in Stoneham, MA, on April 22, 1984, Jonathan was the beloved son of Mark E. & Ruth L. (Porter) Reed. Jonathan had a seizure disorder at an early age as a result of immunizations he received as a baby, this left Jonathan with many challenges and handicaps that faced him and his family. Thanks to the modifications made possible to the family home by the Wilmington Community and special thanks to Joe Langone and the late Dick Stewart of Northeastern Development Corp. Jonathan was able to live at home with his family where they could care for him and enjoy his company. Also, a special thank you to Diane Porter, the Nurses, CNA's and Staff at Excel Home Care in Tewksbury for their wonderful care and help they gave to Jonathan and his family which also allowed him to stay at home.

Jonathan started his education at the Professional Center for Handicapped Children in Andover, then he attended New England Pediatric Center in North Billerica and as an adult attended C-Marc in Woburn. At home Jonathan was very vocal, he enjoyed all his family activity around him and loved the many day care kids his mother cared for. He loved to go camping and traveling with his family, especially to Old Orchard Beach in Maine.

Jonathan was also a member of the Wilmington Congregational Church family all his life and their love and support is most greatly appreciated by his family.



Besides his parents who survive him, Jonathan was the loving brother of Rebecca L. Dineen and her husband William of Manchester, NH, Daniel J. Reed and David M. Reed both of Wilmington, cherished "Uncle Johnny" of Brayden & Andrew Dineen, who were always looking for him at every visit, dear grandson of Audrey & the late Clarence "Larry" Reed and George & the late Lena Porter all of Wilmington, formerly of Bedford, Jonathan is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jonathan brought much joy and strength to his family, friends, and those around him, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

His Funeral Service will be held in the Congregational Church of Wilmington, 220 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, on Friday, April 10th at 10:00 a.m. Visiting hours on Thursday, April 9th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers donations in Jonathan's memory may be made to Ruth Reed for Benefit of Excel Home Care, c/o Citizens Bank, 240 Main St., Wilmington, MA 01887

Catherine Salamone

Active in 4-H, Cub Scouts, Tewksbury Little League; 77

TEWKSBURY - Catherine (Vistola) Salamone, age 77, died Sunday afternoon, April 5, 2009, at the Tewksbury Hospital, after a long health battle. She was the beloved wife for 50 years of the late Liborio A. "Sal" Salamone, who died on June 6, 2004.

She was born in Medford, April 28, 1931, a daughter of the late Louis and Pauline Vistola, and raised in East Boston. She had lived in Tewksbury since 1960.

She was a member of the Tewksbury United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Salamone worked as a secretary, and was a graduate of the Catherine Gibbs School.

Mrs. Salamone was honored by the National Cub Scout organization for her 20 years of service, and along with her husband, co-founded the photography division of the Tewksbury 4-H Club. She was also active in Tewksbury Little League Baseball as a scorekeeper. Along with her husband, she also helped produce more than 300 plays for various church, school, and civic groups, and assisted in the formation of numerous acting, modeling, and dancing groups.

She is survived by her two



sons, Salvatore L. Salamone and Louis S. Salamone and his longtime companion, Carolyn Felder all of NYC; two sisters, Rose McKenna of Tewksbury and Connie Carlson of Seabrook, NH; and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 in MA or 978) 851-2950. Her Funeral Service was held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Tewksbury Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Tewksbury Hospital, Patient Recreation Fund, c/o Administration, 365 East St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be appreciated. tewksburyfuneralhome.com

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Luke Genetti and Wilmington High School Wrestling Coach Michael Pimental met up at the 1st annual Matthew D. Genetti Memorial Wrestling Scholarship Fundraiser held at Anthony's of Malden on April 4th. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Discounted rain barrels offered by Town of Wilmington

The Town of Wilmington is pleased to announce it has received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to provide 50 SkyJuice rain barrels to Wilmington residents at the discounted price of \$65, almost 40% off the retail price of \$125. The Town of Wilmington has teamed up with SkyJuice New England to offer these rain barrels to help residents conserve water, save money and reduce stormwater run-off. Once the 50 DEP rain barrels are sold, residents may purchase the SkyJuice Rain Barrels for the low price of \$75.

A rain barrel collects water from the roof when it rains and stores it for use during dry weather to water house plants or outside plantings. Collecting water in a rain barrel is an excellent way to

reduce runoff and lessen the demand from the Town's water supply. A one-inch rainfall on a 1,000 square foot roof yields 562 gallons of water. A quarter inch run-off will easily fill a barrel. Collected rainfall is especially valuable during droughts or dry conditions. It contains more nutrients and less salts than tap water, so it's great for plants.

SkyJuice rain barrels are made from 60-gallon recycled food grade barrels. The fully screened intake port keeps mosquitoes, insects, and debris out. The lid can be removed for easy cleaning and for storing hoses inside the barrel during the winter. The solid brass threaded spigot can be connected to a regular hose or soaker hose. The overflow connector and tubing can be used to direct

water away from the foundation or to join multiple barrels for additional storage capacity.

To order a rain barrel, fill out an order form on the Wilmington DPW website, or call SkyJuice New England directly at 207-363-1505. Orders and payment will be handled directly through SkyJuice New England.

Ordered Rainbarrels are scheduled to be delivered to the Wilmington Department of Public Works during the week of June 8, 2009. Once the barrels have arrived, customers will be contacted to arrange for pickup.

For more information, visit the Wilmington DPW web site at www.town.wilmington.ma.us, click "public services", then "DPW" or call the DPW at 978-658-4481.

Tewksbury selects Heery to manage high school building project

TEWKSBURY - Having outgrown its 50 year old high school, the Town of Tewksbury has hired Heery International to manage a feasibility study as well as design and construction of either a renovated or newly constructed facility. Major project goals include creating a flexible facility that meets current and future education standards, accommodating student population growth, and incorporating sustainable, energy efficient materials and systems.

"The current 172,832 square foot facility, which includes a 70,000 SF addition, is only designed for 856 students," explained James Cutelis, Chairman of the High School Building Committee. "Our current student population is 1130. Our overarching goal, however, is to provide our students with the most contemporary facility to prepare them for the future. We're also planning to meet the standards for high performing schools as outlined by the Massachusetts Collaborative for High Performing Schools."

First on the agenda is a feasibility study to determine whether to renovate the existing high school or building a

new facility on the existing site. "Because we will be managing construction on an occupied site, one of our greatest challenges will be coordinating construction activities to minimize disruption of daily school activities and ensure everyone's safety," notes Heery Project Director Peter Collins. "Safety is always our highest priority."

While the state will provide a significant share of necessary funding, Tewksbury will also look to the community for additional financial support. "Without question, we have the best interests of the community and our students in mind", Cutelis says. Heery has helped schools across the nation meet their facility and financial goals. "We feel confident the new Tewksbury

High School will meet our needs now and well into the future."

Heery International is a 1500-person architecture, interior design, engineering, facility management, and program management and construction management firm with annual revenues of more than \$1.2 billion. The firm is organized on a regional basis with thirty five offices located throughout North America. Heery is ranked annually among the top professional services firms by industry publications such as Engineering-News Record, World Architecture and Building Design & Construction.

Christine L. McGrath, Superintendent
Member - High School Building Committee

Andover Tennis Club accepting new members

The Andover Tennis Club offers outdoor recreational tennis at Phillips Academy to its members during the summer months. No courts fees during the summer! During the winter season, the club plays indoors at the Willows Racquet Club. It is a club for men, women and youth and features singles, doubles and mixed-doubles play at all levels. The club is now

accepting new family (\$65 per year) and individual (\$45 per year) memberships through the end of May. Those interested in more information may access the Web site at www.andovertennis.org. Membership dues and information should be mailed to the Andover Tennis Club, PO Box 404, Andover, 01810.



(front) Noah Kwet and Garret Van Dyke and (back l-r) Matthew Lucuzzi, Alyssa MacRachern, Isabel Haroutian and Steven Lucuzzi will participate in a Rock Star experience to benefit the Wilmington, Burlington and Billerica Public Libraries. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)



John Mackay, Store Manager of Aubuchon Hardware, presented Patty Haversat a check donation for the Tewksbury Food Pantry in the amount of \$250. The donation is the amount raised during the store's annual Customer Appreciation Day held in February. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)



The Dave Rasmussen Jazz Sax Factory Band regularly performs at the Chit-Chat Lounge in Haverhill, and they're coming to Wilmington next week. photo by Bernard Savoie PhotoGraphy from the thejazzfactory.biz website

Free concert in Wilmington:

Jazz Sax Band appearing next Wednesday

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Arts Council is proud to present The Dave Rasmussen Jazz Sax Factory Band on Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. The band regularly performs at the Chit-Chat Lounge in Haverhill and will give Wilmington area residents an opportunity to enjoy their music. The group hopes to promote the jazz art form to appreciative audiences and gain exposure around Middlesex County.

The golden sound of five live saxophones playing as one -

lush, smooth, easy, laid back jazz! Or, playing on the edge of the seat, up-tempo, swinging bop-oriented jazz. The band features music from major jazz arrangers such as Bob Florence, Sammy Nestico and the leader, Seabreeze Jazz recording artist Dave Rasmussen. The band's music is truly international and includes some great ballads, a few funk/jazz tunes, various latin styles plus straight-ahead jazz arrangements.

Instrumentation of the Jazz

Factory consists of soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones with a rhythm section of guitar, bass, drums and keyboard. The various musicians are some of the top rated jazz players from Northern Mass. and southern NH. Bassist Ralph Pepe hails from Wilmington!

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Jason Marrero, 28, of 42 Laorange Street, Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 2 Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

David Savoie, 28, of 96 Chestnut Street in Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of Oakwood Road on the basis of a warrant.

6:01 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Aldrich

Thomas Duggan, III, 24, of 11 Hillcrest Street in Wilmington, was arrested on Burlington Avenue and was charged with operating a motor vehicle after

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To the above named ward, his/her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said ward of Wilmington, MA is a mentally ill person and requesting that Audrey Baron of Wilmington, MA or some other suitable person be appointed guardian of the person and property with the authority to consent to extraordinary medical treatment, specifically do not resuscitate and do not initiate orders to serve With Surety. If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before First O'clock in the Morning (10:00 AM) on April 10, 2009.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court. Date March 13, 2009.

Tara DeCristofaro
Register of Probate



WHS held its 4th Annual Freshman History Fair on April 6th. (l-r): Colin MacEacheron received third place for his project on the Lincoln Assassination, Meaghan Stinson received 1st place for her Ellis Island project and Bea Banda won 2nd place for her Underground Railroad project. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

The Tewksbury Historical Society with the Tewksbury Congregational Church cordially invite you to the... 275th Anniversary Tewksbury History Exhibit

TEWKSBURY - An exhibit on Tewksbury History will open with a social hour sponsored by the Congregational Church on April 24 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Tewksbury Congregational Church, 1 East Street.

The Congregational Church was the political and spiritual leader for the town in its earliest years. The first meetinghouse was built in 1736. It was located close to a stone marker that today is located on a Route 38 traffic

island. The first meetinghouse served the community, providing space for town meetings, school classes, militia meetings and church services. Tewksbury voted on April 6, 1818 to build a new meetinghouse.

On November 4th, 1822 the town voted to purchase land (1 acre) on the north side of the road in back of the first meetinghouse. The second meetinghouse was dedicated July 6, 1824 as the First Congregational Church.

Because separation of church and state was becoming a hot topic, one year after the dedication of the church, Tewksbury voted to build a house to do town business. The first Town Hall was built at the northwest corner of the church lot and was 30' x 40' x 14' tall. A second Town Hall replaced the first in 1875 and on October 13, 1918, the first Congregational church and the second Town Hall burned to the ground.

Wilmington student in cast of award winning play

DANVERS - St. John's Prep won top honors at the 2009 Massachusetts High School Drama Festival with a Kabuki inspired production of Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of Richard III". The annual festival was held March 26-28 at John Hancock Hall in Boston, following preliminary and semifinal rounds that brought together young actors from 108 high schools across the state. Under the direction of Brother Ron Santoro, CFX and Alicia Greenwood, members of the Prep Drama Guild received awards during all stages of the festival. St. John's Prep will go on to represent Massachusetts at the New England Drama Festival on April 18 - 20 in Storrs, Connecticut.

Members of the cast and crew of "The Tragedy of Richard III": Cast Member, Timothy Barnard '11 of Wilmington

Routine work on the Lowell Commuter Rail Line to cause delays

BOSTON - Due to routine track work, commuter rail customers can expect delays on the Lowell line Monday, April 6th through Friday, April 24th. This work will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

During this maintenance, workers will install rail ties on the No. 1 Mainline track between Boston and Winchester. The following Trains can expect delays up to 15 minutes.

Weekday Inbound Trains:

- No. 358 (Departing Anderson/Woburn at 9:15 a.m.)
- No. 314 (Departing Lowell at 9:15 a.m.)
- No. 316 (Departing Lowell at 10:15 a.m.)
- No. 318 (Departing Lowell at 11:15 a.m.)
- No. 320 (Departing Lowell at 12:15 p.m.)
- No. 322 (Departing Lowell at 1:15 p.m.)

- No. 222 (Departing Anderson/Woburn at 1:43 p.m.)
- No. 324 (Departing Lowell at 2:15 p.m.)
- No. 326 (Departing Lowell at 3:15 p.m.)
- No. 328 (Departing Lowell at 4:15 p.m.)

Weekday Outbound Trains:

- No. 311 (Departing North Station at 9:10 a.m.)
- No. 315 (Departing North Station at 10:10 a.m.)
- No. 317 (Departing North Station at 11:10 a.m.)
- No. 319 (Departing North Station at 12:10 p.m.)
- No. 321 (Departing North Station at 1:10 p.m.)
- No. 323 (Departing North Station at 2:10 p.m.)
- No. 325 (Departing North Station at 3:10 p.m.)
- No. 327 (Departing North Station at 4:10 p.m.)
- No. 329 (Departing North Station at 4:20 p.m.)
- No. 329 (Departing North Station at 4:40 p.m.)

Station at 4:40 p.m.) Further information is available at the MBTA Web site (www.mbta.com). Daily updates will also be displayed on station LED monitors and available from train crews. For more information contact MBTA Customer Service at 617-222-3200

Tewksbury's 275th "History Hunt"

TEWKSBURY - On April 26th, after a ham and bean lunch provided by the Tewksbury Congregational Church, the Tewksbury Historical Society will direct a "History Hunt" for families. The "Hunt" will start from the church at noon with each group taking a zone of Tewksbury to see if they can find examples of Tewksbury history. The "Hunt" is so named after Tewksbury's founder Samuel Hunt. He along with Dan Kittredge is considered most responsible for joining the Wamesit and Shawsheen sections of town into an incorporated town in 1734. Where did they live?

Families will visit the sites by themselves and will return to the church for a brief question and answer discussion on Tewksbury history.

A pre-registration fee of \$5.00 per person for lunch is required by April 24th. Please pre-register at the Library on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 in the Local History Room, at the exhibit, or e-mail the Society at tewksburyhistoricalsociety@msn.com to put your name on the registration list.



Tewksbury Business Association Membership Drive Kicks Off May 6 A Business Network That Works

The Tewksbury Business Association represents the diversity of the Tewksbury business community and is comprised of members from a wide breadth of local industries.

The Association's Web site blog and Yahoo Talk Group have become great media for communication and exchange of ideas for the group.

Both evening mixers and luncheon programs are held monthly.

For membership information, contact Sarah Gurule at 617-620-3078 or contact@tewksburybusiness.com. Visit us at www.TewksburyBusiness.com

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Richard Pellerin brought his puppy along as a special guest, as well as enough strawberry shortcake for everyone. He had gone to the fields and picked all the strawberries a few days before. If you didn't fancy

shortcake you could have a fresh jelly doughnut courtesy of John Melvin

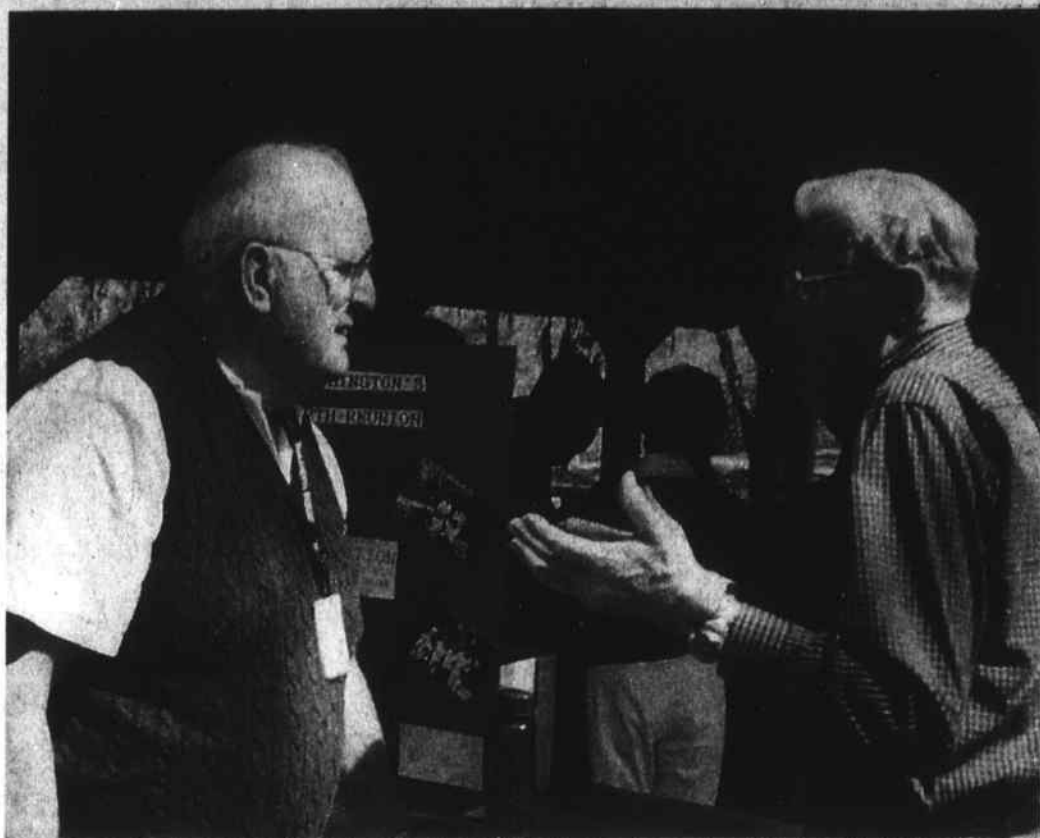
Among those present:

Ted and Beth Wicks, M. Louise (Wicks) Perkins, Irene (Wicks) Saunders, Lester and Ellen Smith, Richard Pellerin, Jim Burke, Joanne Burke, Rosemarie (Enos) Morgan, Mary (Wicks) Doherty, Alice and John Murphy, Liz and Mike Shelley, Patty Griffin, Frank Griffin, Thelma (Murray) Diels, Lorrie Plouffe, Sharon (Hembree) Boyer, Dodie (Murray) Bragdon, Gene and Beverly DesRoches, Jane and

Jim Davidson, John and Maria Riley, Dora Ardolino, Doug and Donna Wicks, Ed and Susan Klements, Don and Joyce (York) Blake, Cynthia Rossi, Ronnie Kierstead, Shirley and Willie Whalen, Peter and Carol Donovan, Al Lane, Elaine (Peterson) Brisard, Catherine Murray Hardy, Dick Fudge, Larry Miles, John Melvin, Leslie Silcox, Bud Al Blackburn, Chuck and Ruth Prescott, Lloyd and Patti Park, Joe and Ellie Pelletier, Rich and Jean Cole



Three WHS alumni - Dodie (Murray) Bragdon, Irene (Wicks) Saunders and Cynthia (Peters) Rossi.



Frank Griffin and Ed Klements share a deep discussion, judging by the body language. It could have been politics, the economy or the most recent Red Sox game. Certainly it was not the weather. Everyone enjoyed that!



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TEWKSBURY - The Veterans of Foreign Wars post on Vernon Street in Tewksbury will be holding a craft show on Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The VFW is located at 87 Vernon Street, very close to the Wilmington/Tewksbury town line. Call 978-658-8983 for more details.

Tewksbury Senior Topics

"Penny Sale" next Tuesday, April 14th; Mohegan Sun day trip tickets on sale April 21st

A special note of thanks is extended to the Morelli Family, the Faranda Family and the Tewksbury United Methodist Church for hosting such a wonderful event this past Sunday at the Senior Center as over 200 people enjoyed the talents and inspiration of Rob Surette. Mr. Surette performance the "Face of God" was presented in such an inspirational way that all those in attendance could reflect on their lives and the meaning of the season...it was up-lifting and so true to life. Thank you all.

The Senior Center will be closed Friday, April 10th.

The Golden Age Club will hold a "Penny Sale" next Tuesday, April 14th at the Senior Center beginning at 12:30 PM. This event is open to the public.

On Thursday, April 16, a Patriotic Play will be held at the Heath Brook School. This event will start at 10:00 AM; and, all are welcome to attend.

Those traveling on the Foxwood trip of Friday, April 17th are reminded that the bus shall depart from the Senior Center at 7:00 AM sharp.

Tickets for the Mohegan Sun day trip of May 11th will go on sale Tuesday, April 21st.

The Silvertones will hold its monthly dance on Friday, April 17th at the Senior Center. Tickets are now available. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the dance.

The Friends of the Elderly Dance at the Senior Center

will be held on the following Friday, April 24th. Tickets are also available now and at the door for this event. The Meltones Band will be playing at this dance.

The Seniors will hold a Breakfast Benefit at the Senior Center on Sunday, April 19th from 7:30 to 11:00 AM. Tickets are now available at \$6 per adult and \$3 for the children under 12. Toddlers are free.



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Wilmington Chamber of Commerce coming events:

Family Fun Night At The Circus

Date: Friday, April 24 Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Aleppo Shriners Auditorium

4 FREE tickets for Chamber members courtesy of WCOC and Aleppo Shriners. Members can call/visit the Chamber office to reserve your free tickets.

Multi-Chamber Business Card Exchange

Date: Tuesday, May 14 Time: 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Place: DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, Waltham

Cost: \$10/member, \$20/non-member

Guest Speaker: Jay Wallus of Street Smart Training

Women Celebrating Women

Date: Thursday, May 14 Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Place: Aleppo Shriners Fez Room

Exhibitors: SOLD OUT Tickets: \$25 in advance

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

National Library week

Rediscover the Library during National Library Week

Library Director Tina Stewart and the library staff invite residents to rediscover all the library offers during National Library Week April 13 to April 18. You don't need your wallet, just your library card to borrow a variety of materials ranging from the latest movie releases on DVD to discount museum passes. Use the library's computers with free Internet access or bring your own laptop and use our Wi-Fi. Everyone who visits the library during National Library Week will have the chance to enter a daily drawing for a ten dollar gift certificate to the Book Store Next Door.

Museum Passes

The library has discount passes to area museums. These passes are funded by local organizations. You can reserve the passes on the library's web site www.wilmingtonlibrary.org. Please take a few moments to cancel your pass reservation if it will not be used so it can be made available to others.

New DVDs at the Library

The library has added the following movies to its DVD collection. These DVDs are Hot Titles that can be borrowed for two days.

Australia

Happy-Go-Lucky

Role Models

Cadillac Records

Twilight

Seven Pounds

Let the Right One In

Transporter 3

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Rachel Getting Married

Quantum of Solace

Slumdog Millionaire

Food For Fines

The library will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Wilmington Food Pantry in lieu of fines during the month of April.

Scams & Frauds: Tips from the Better Business Bureau

Thursday, April 9, 7 pm
Please note that this program has been cancelled

I Got Out of Debt and So Can You!

Thursday, April 23, 7 pm
A few years ago, Lena Maxwell found herself several thousand dollars in debt. Determined to rid herself of this albatross, she worked her way back to solvency. Find out what decisions she made to accomplish this task. If she can do this, so can you!

Organize, Simplify and Take Control of Your Finances

Tuesday, April 28, 7 pm
John Spoto, founder of Sentry Wealth Management, LLC., a financial planning firm will present valuable information and practical suggestions to organize and simplify your finances. You'll discover some of the most important things you can address right now to help you take control of your personal finance.

News from the Teen Zone

Selling the Teen Zone:
Teen-Created Advertising Competition

March 31-May 22
How would you advertise the Teen Zone? Now's your chance to show off your ideas! Design print ads or film your own commercials—or both!—and submit them by Friday, May 22, to be entered

into the competition. Full details and rules are available at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org/teens/ads.html. Winning print ads and video spots will be used to advertise the library and Teen Zone in the local newspapers and on WCTV.

Teen Anime Club

Monday, April 13 6:30-8:30 pm

You watch the anime and read the manga—so come talk about it with other fans! This is our inaugural meeting, so now's your chance to shape the direction this group will go. Drop in and share your opinions with the group!

Teen Fantasy Gaming

Tuesday, April 14 AND Wednesday, April 22 3-5 pm
Whether you play Magic: The Gathering, Dungeons & Dragons, or something else, join this popular group and be part of a self-contained fantasy game.

Bored? Games! (for teens)

Tuesday, April 21 7-8:30 pm
Colonel Mustard... with a deck of cards... in the library! It's school vacation week, so come solve mysteries in Clue, build a city in Carcassonne, and buy and sell property in Monopoly, along with plenty of other games. Grab a friend and come play with us!

Words & Pictures (for teens)

Thursday, April 23 3:30 pm
How do pictures tell stories? Can you "read" a picture the same way you can written words? We'll be looking at sequential art, comics, and storyboarding in this hands-on visual literacy workshop. This program is made possible by a federal grant from the Library Services and Technology Act through the Institute of Museum and Library

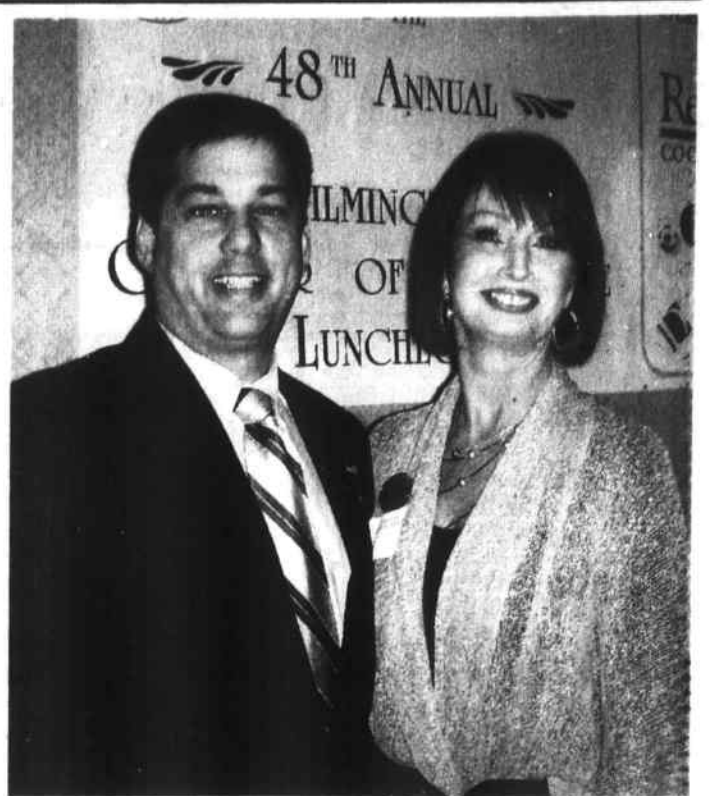
Services and is administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Children's Programs Children's Movie Night

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 pm
Drop-in with something comfortable to lounge on for the screening of The Tale of Despereaux. Free popcorn and lemonade will be served. Rated: G.

Book Discussion for Ages 9 & Older

Friday, April 10, 3:30 pm
Avi creates a fantasy with a cast of woodland characters in Poppy, where a deer mouse challenges the authority of Mr. Ocaz, a terrifying great horned owl, in her quest to find a new home for her family. Drop in for the discussion. Copies of the book may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098. A door prize and dessert will be provided by the Friends of the Library.



The Senator and the President: Wilmington State Senator Bruce Tarr was the keynote speaker at the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce's 48th Annual Luncheon on Friday. Linda Covino was introduced as the new President of the Chamber. She will be working on creating new networking programs for the Chamber during her year as president, including the upcoming Multi-Chamber Business Card Exchange, Tuesday, April 28 at DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, Waltham and Women Celebrating Women Thursday, May 14 at the Shriner's Auditorium. Call the Chamber office for more details 978-657-7211.

THANK YOU

Please accept my sincere thanks to the people of Tewksbury for electing me to the School Committee on Saturday, April 4. I am both honored and humbled that voters place their trust and confidence in me. I look forward to serving the town in my new role as a School Committee member and embracing the challenges of securing a strong foundation for Tewksbury's children.

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Tewksbury Library Notes

by Jen Hinderer

Susan B. Anthony Saturday at the library



On Saturday, April 11th at 2:00 p.m., Susan B. Anthony will come to life circulating petitions, getting arrested, and challenging legislators! Actress Sally Matson will perform as Susan B. Anthony in the Tewksbury Public Library meeting room. Letters, speeches, and diaries are used in the play to reveal Anthony's wit and fury and to note her interactions with such notables as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, William Lloyd Garrison, Lucy Stone, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Her words transport the audience to the time of the Underground Railroad, the Civil War, fights over Constitutional Amendments, and Westward expansion. Sally Matson has been touring the country playing the feisty activist for six years, appearing at such diverse venues as Time Warner, Raytheon, New Haven Library, University of New Hampshire, Rockport Elementary School in MA, and the Bennington Historical Society. This performance is

supported in part by a grant from the Tewksbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Join us Monday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m., for Introduction to Home Energy Savings brought to you by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. It's a fact: most Massachusetts homes could save 20% or more on their fuel use! Do you want to reduce your home energy costs? Are you looking for cheap, do-it-yourself solutions? Are you interested in energy savings financing options? Presenters will illustrate hands-on tips, indicate which actions are most cost effective, and provide free educational materials for everyone attending.

On Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m., we'll get a peak into Weird Massachusetts! Local Legends & Best Kept Secrets. Based on Jeff Belanger's popular book of the same name, take a multimedia journey through the history, oddities,

paranormal, and just plain weird side of the Bay State. See how the world's biggest elephant now fits into a peanut butter jar and why it brings good luck to students, listen for those unexplained booms in Nashoba, discover the hidden secrets at Wizard's Glen and Altar Rock, escape from the Sea Witch and the Cape Cod Mermaid, check out the Museum of Burnt Food, or eat an apple from one of Isaac Newton's famous apple trees. But whatever you do, don't pick up a red-headed hitchhiker on Route 44! All ages. Please register for this program, as there will be limited seating. Sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library.

All of our programs are free and open to the public. To register, or for more information, please call the Reference Desk at (978) 640-4490 ext. 207, email Freyja Sanger at fsanger@mvic.org, or visit us online at www.tewksburypl.org.

House passes legislation preserving division of Insurance Board of Appeals for auto accidents

BOSTON - Rep. James R. Miceli and his colleagues at the House of Representatives approved legislation that will maintain an independent appeals board for consumers to appeal fault for auto accidents. The legislation, approved 157 - 0, comes on the heels of the Division of Insurance reversing their previous decision to do away with the appeals board.

The bill would create via

statute, a motor vehicle surcharge Board of Appeals. This would ensure that the current Board of Appeals remained an option for any driver to appeal what they believe was a wrong determination of a surchargeable incident due to an at-fault accident.

Each year, the Division of Insurance Board of Appeals hears between 40,000 to 50,000 appeals from motorists. Of

those, between 45-50% of all appeals are overturned. This accounts for a savings of a minimum of \$400 a year for an individual policy holder and thousands of dollars for family policy owners, totaling a cost savings of \$25-\$40 million for consumers annually.

The bill now heads to the Senate floor for final consideration, which previously gave initial passage to the bill.

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Wilmington Middle School

Showing Spirit

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itage or the Boston Celtics. "Dressing up differently every day was a lot of fun," said Miller-Nuzzo. "One of my favorite days was 'Green Day' where we dressed in all green."

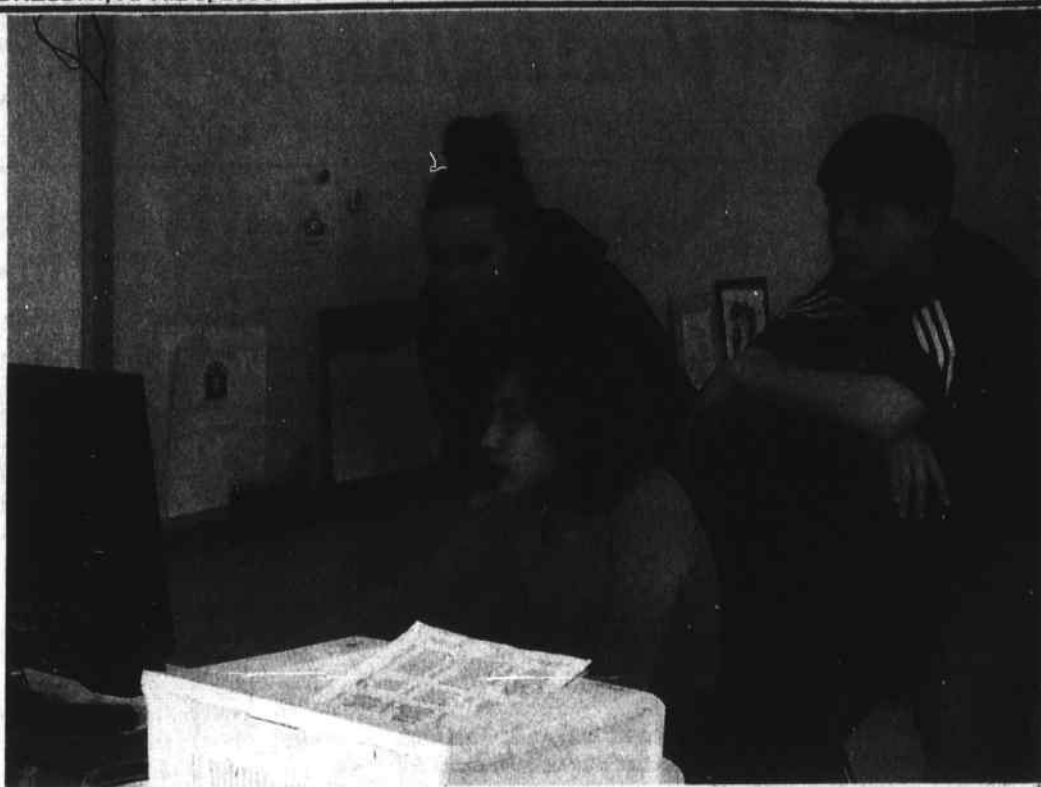
An annual favorite of Spirit Week is Twin Day. Staff and students teamed up with each other to dress alike in matching outfits with creative themes. Kaitlin Kinsella and Jacqui Duffy, two eighth grade WMS students, dressed alike with blue shorts and white shirts. "Spirit week is something a lot of students look forward to every year," said Kinsella. "It's fun to dress like a friend and spend the day together in school."

Sports Day soon followed with students dressing in the gear of their favorite teams and sports. WMS was filled with uniforms and shirts, showing support for the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and Celtics along with teams outside the Boston area. Rachel Nussbaum, an eighth grade student at WMS, wore her karate uniform. "I chose my karate uniform because I really enjoy karate and it was a little different," said Nussbaum.

The finale of Spirit Week was Blue and White Day. Students expressed their Wildcat pride by dressing in blue and white garb. Caitlin Cheney showed her school spirit by dressing in her

Wilmington Wildcat soccer uniform. "It's important to show school spirit and this is how I contributed to the day," said Cheney an eighth grade WMS student.

Students with the best costumes won prizes during lunch periods every day. Lillian Hupper, a seventh grade mathematics teacher at the middle school, believed the entire week to be a great bonding experience for teachers and students. "The students loved winning prizes for having the most creative costumes," said Hupper, "but it's the bonding experience that really makes this event special. Spirit Week is a great time at the school—I love it."



The editorial staff of Paw Prints collaborates on the layout of the latest edition, which appears in full color on page S-12. From left to right: Editor Kaitlin Kinsella, Assistant Editor Amanda Bonnette-Kim, and Assistant Editor Will MacKinnon.

Photo by Dwight Frye

Taking a Super Swing

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me who achieved this honor. All my teammates standing their ground behind me gave me all the support I needed in the game. All the players played well," said Pratt.

Pratt felt she was very fortunate to be part of the league. She liked to play baseball because she is a competitive person. Pratt likes to do the best she can whenever possible especially in sports. She admitted that she was once shy, but playing in the league allowed her to develop more confidence. "I think I got my confidence from playing sports. I was quiet in school and afraid to raise my hand because I might not have had the right answer. I think my confi-

dence that was brought out by playing ball is something that just stuck with me," claimed Pratt.

Her interest in baseball developed when she was a child. Pratt learned how to play baseball from the boys in the neighborhood and throwing around the baseball in her backyard with her father. Pratt's neighbors played baseball together which developed a spark in her athletic interest. "I played baseball on the playgrounds with the boys between classes at school," said Pratt.

Pratt, born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, is still active and ready to toss a baseball with children at 90 years of age. She still works out and helps instruct classes at local

gyms. After retiring from the AAGPBL, Pratt continued entertaining children, but as an educator. Before she was chosen to play in the league, Pratt had just become a teacher. She retired from the education profession in 1986 after more than four decades of service.

Pratt attends the All American Girls Professional Baseball League reunions yearly. She is appreciative to Phillip Wrigley, the chewing gum king and longtime owner of the Chicago Cubs, for helping to create the league. "Mr. Wrigley had the foresight to organize the league and gave girls more opportunities," recalled Pratt.

Problem Solving

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program." All students at WMS are eligible to join the Math Club—the key ingredient to being a part of this club is dedication. "All interested students are eligible to be accepted into the Math Club," explained Lindsey McKenna, a WMS staff member and the club's co-advisor along with Papanickolas. "I am excited that the club is growing with many more students showing up this year."

The Math Club is not all fun and games as the students are involved in complex mathematical work. "There are eight students brought to a competition where the students work on complicated math problems with a time limit," described Papanickolas. "These students are tested individually and as a team. They are each given a packet of problems and they have a limited amount of time to finish them. The packet encom-

passes a variety of math problems which they have to solve."

All Math Club students are tested on their abilities to solve equations before being qualified to participate in the competition. "This year, we were only allowed to bring eight students to the competition even though we have 18 active members in the club," said Papanickolas. "Because of the limitation as to how many students we are permitted to enter into the competition, we had to give the students an additional packet to complete for grading on speed and accuracy."

Along with the growth of math knowledge, the Math Club has many other benefits for its members. "The Math Club is a great time to connect with friends," offered Amanda Bonnette-Kim, a WMS eighth grade student and member of the Math Club. "The problems are challenging, but fun and I think that it will help us in future classes. It's a club that is not only educational, but offers a lot of important social benefits, also."

A Colorful World

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to believe it is one of the longest running student clubs in the Wilmington schools. I'm not sure who started the Art Club, but I think it's a great concept."

The students work on many different projects throughout the year including cultural designs. "One project the students have worked on this year is a Mexican-Indian project called Nearikias where they glued yarn on cardboard to show pictures portraying objects that are special to them," described Roberts. The Art Club meets once a week and includes sessions

during the fall and spring.

Roberts has approximately 30 students in this year's Art Club, but the impact throughout the years has stretched to include nearly 500 members. "The club has been consistently growing throughout the years," said Roberts, "and I think it will continue to be attended by the many students who love art. I hope to continue advising the Art Club for many years as I believe it adds a lot to the school's art program."

Roberts believes the Art Club is a positive experience for the students. "I believe that Art Club gives students

the opportunity to express themselves on an individual basis," stated Roberts. Mei Lu Barnum, a sixth grade WMS student and a member of the Art Club, appreciates the creativity involved in the program. "You can be yourself and be creative at the same time," said Barnum. Kyle Reppucci, another member of the Art Club and a seventh grade student, enjoys the activities offered at the meetings. "The club offers a lot of fun activities and I really like being a part of the group," said Reppucci.

Time to Play

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staff and community." For the eighth grade students, this play was their last middle school performance. Michael Semonelli, an eighth grade student who was cast as Kenickie, said: "For me, it was really important to be in the play. This is my last year here so this is what I'm going to leave behind as a memory of myself. It's what I'll think

of when I think of the middle school, also."

Emily Troy, a sixth grade cast member in the chorus, enjoyed her first year as a part of the school's acting ensemble. "I had a lot of fun being in the play's chorus because we did a lot of singing and dancing during the show. I'm looking forward to being a part of the school play every year," said

Troy. The hard work and dedication for all involved was not lost on WMS principal Christine McMenimen. "The students and staff were extremely supportive during the months of work leading up to the production and I thought it was a great show," offered McMenimen.

Setting Sail

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he has participated in other educational activities including participating in field trips and organizing after school programs.

In 1989, Birmingham and his wife Debby, who will be retiring this year from her position as a first grade teacher in Wilmington's Shawsheen Elementary School, along with their friend and fellow teacher, Bill Peabody, took a group of students from grades 7-12 to Winter Park, Colorado to ski. The trio went on many other ski trips with students as part of the school system's ski club along with taking students on trips across Europe visiting places such as Germany, Rome, Paris and London, also. Birmingham has been a chaperone on trips to other European countries with the Strings Attached program, too. Recently, he has been involved with other field trips including several moun-

tain climbing trips, walking the Freedom Trail and the eighth grade trips to New York and Pennsylvania.

Throughout his teaching career, Birmingham has taught almost all subjects and presently teaches seventh grade social studies in the Explorer wing of the Wilmington Middle School. He is a Massachusetts certified teacher earning degrees from Worcester State College and Boston State College. His favorite moments in teaching were at the North Intermediate School when there were two principals Joseph Connelly and Bill Fay. "It was a great group of teachers and kids who were very active and fun," said Birmingham.

Long after his retirement, Birmingham will be remembered by not only his students, but his colleagues. "He is a wonderful person who cared greatly about each of

his students and their lives. He loved what he did and it showed every day. He gave each of his students a great experience," recalled Peabody.

Together with his wife Debby, Birmingham has raised three children: Beau, Meghan and Adam. The Birmingham family already have plans for retirement. "We are going to enjoy our children and travel the world," claimed Birmingham. The veteran teacher has always worked hard to promote a love of learning, safe environments and great educational experiences. Along with the many classroom lessons Birmingham has taught his students over the years, he wants them to know that his time as a teacher was extremely important and satisfying for him. "It was always a pleasure to be a part of so many lives over the years," said Birmingham.

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For free tickets, please contact Jim Williams, Tewksbury Veterans Service Agent at 978-640-4485 or e-mail at vets@town.tewksbury.ma.us.

Please give your full name, address and phone number so that he may return your call.

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Unserviceable Flags to be properly disposed

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury American Legion Post #259 will host a unservice flag ceremony with the assistance of the Tewksbury the Disabled American Veterans Chapter # 110 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 8164 on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Anyone who has an American Flag they no longer use is welcome to drop it off the the D.A.V. building or the V.F.W. building. The Tewksbury Veterans Agent in the Town Hall will also accept flags for disposal. For your convenience, there is a mail box to receive unserviceable flags located at the Town Hall Annex.

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Tewksbury Walmart Raises \$31,000 for Children's Hospital Boston

TEWKSBURY - More than 170 Walmart and Sam's Club associates from 63 Massachusetts and New Hampshire stores were honored for raising \$1.1 million in 2008 for Children's Hospital Boston through Children's Miracle Network. The Walmart in Tewksbury raised more than \$31,000 making it one of the top ten fundraising stores in the Boston market.

Walmart and Sam's Club associates have been fundraising for Children's Hospital Boston since 2002 and have raised more than \$5 million, making them Children's Hospital Boston's largest corporate donor. In 2008, Walmart and Sam's Club associates, customers and members helped raised \$1.1 million, the highest total in the company's partnership with Children's Hospital Boston.

Associates at the 63 Walmart and Sam's Club locations raised funds through in-store promotions, employee contests, customer contributions and grassroots efforts, including bake sales, flea markets, golf tournaments and seasonal carnivals. The majority of the donations collected ranged from \$1 to \$5.

At a ceremony held at Children's Hospital Boston President and COO, Sandra Fenwick, thanked the associ-

ates for their continued support.

"We're grateful that Walmart and Sam's Club associates and customers have become such important partners in our mission to serve the thousands of families who visit us for life-saving care," said Fenwick. "Every dollar raised strengthens our ability to care for kids."

The Boston market ranked 3rd out of 136 Children's Miracle Network markets nationwide in dollars raised per location despite having 42 fewer locations than the top market. Of the Children's Miracle Network markets with 20 or more stores, the Boston market ranked 1st in store average, finishing with an average of \$17,461 per store.

Under the leadership of Walmart Regional Vice President of Operations, Paul Busby; Sam's Club District Manager, Tom Paterson; Regional Vice President of Logistics, Justen Traweck, and Walmart and Sam's Club associates have worked tirelessly to reach these goals.

"We at Walmart and Sam's Club value our partnership with Children's Miracle Network and Children's Hospital Boston," said Paul Busby, Walmart Regional Vice President of Operations. "Our commitment to support-

ing the patients and families at Children's Hospital Boston has yielded extraordinary results over the past seven years, including a record-breaking total of \$1.1 million in 2008."

Children's Hospital began its fundraising partnership with Walmart and Sam's Club seven years ago through the Children's Miracle Network—a non-profit organization that raises funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America. Money raised through the Children's Miracle Network and its corporate sponsors supports patient care, research, medical training and community health initiatives at Children's Hospital Boston.

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Middlesex students spend spring break on Habitat Sites

For the third year in a row, Middlesex Community College students and staff from MCC's Center for Community Engagement participated in Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break. The group spent three days working on two projects. In Lawrence, they worked for the Merrimack Valley Habitat on homes devastated by a fire last year, and in Bedford, they

worked for the Greater Lowell Habitat on renovating an old home.

The mission of MCC's Center for Community Engagement is to enrich students educational experiences, meet community needs, and foster civic responsibility by integrating service into the academic curriculum. Through participation in organized service

experiences, students are given an opportunity to extend what they learn beyond the classroom.

The Bedford Habitat home is part of a construction project that will include seven new affordable homes, all built using "green construction" to increase energy efficiency by as much as 40 percent. The Lawrence project included seven homes as well.

The volunteers painted, did siding and lawn cleanup, applied weatherproofing, and built a storage bin, as well as other construction and maintenance tasks.

For more information about MCC's Center for Community Engagement, contact Sheri Denk at 978-656-3159 or email denks@middlesex.mass.edu.

Tewksbury Business Association Membership Drive Begins May 6

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Business Association will be holding a membership drive May 6, 2009, for area businesses to increase awareness of the Association and represent business interests in Town management. Time and location will be announced and posted on the Association Web site, www.TewksburyBusiness.com.

Town of Tewksbury Businesses cannot afford to ignore this opportunity to be

part of this vast growing network. Founded in 1994, the Association offers important benefits and is dedicated to growing local small businesses. From business-to-business discounts and round table discussions concerning day-to-day business matters, to networking opportunities where colleagues exchange ideas and introduce their business to the community, the Association offers a monthly evening mixer as well as a monthly luncheon program.

"I am glad I joined the Association, it gives me a chance to meet other local small businesses and Network with them, the website increases my business exposure and help me grow my business. This is in addition to feeling as vital part of growing community" Said Hanson Bechat From Neighborhood Parcel

The Tewksbury Business Association is diverse, with members representing a long list of industries. The

Association's Web site blog and Yahoo Talk Group are great media for communication and exchange of ideas to help Tewksbury's small businesses grow.

(www.TewksburyBusiness.com) Look for more membership drive information, including time and place, on the Tewksbury Business Association Website or call Sarah Gurule at 617-620-3078 for membership information.

Sun Salutations fundraiser

To benefit the Jimmy fund and the Susan G. Komen 3 Day

WILMINGTON - The Yoga Loft is delighted to announce that its 3rd annual Sun Salutations fundraiser will be held on Saturday April 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All donations will benefit the Jimmy Fund and the Susan G. Komen 3 Day.

The inspiration for this event came from Wilmington resident Dorsey Rooney, who sadly lost her life to cancer. She was the mother of a good friend and student of Jen Ryan, owner of The Yoga Loft. Her life and spirit in the

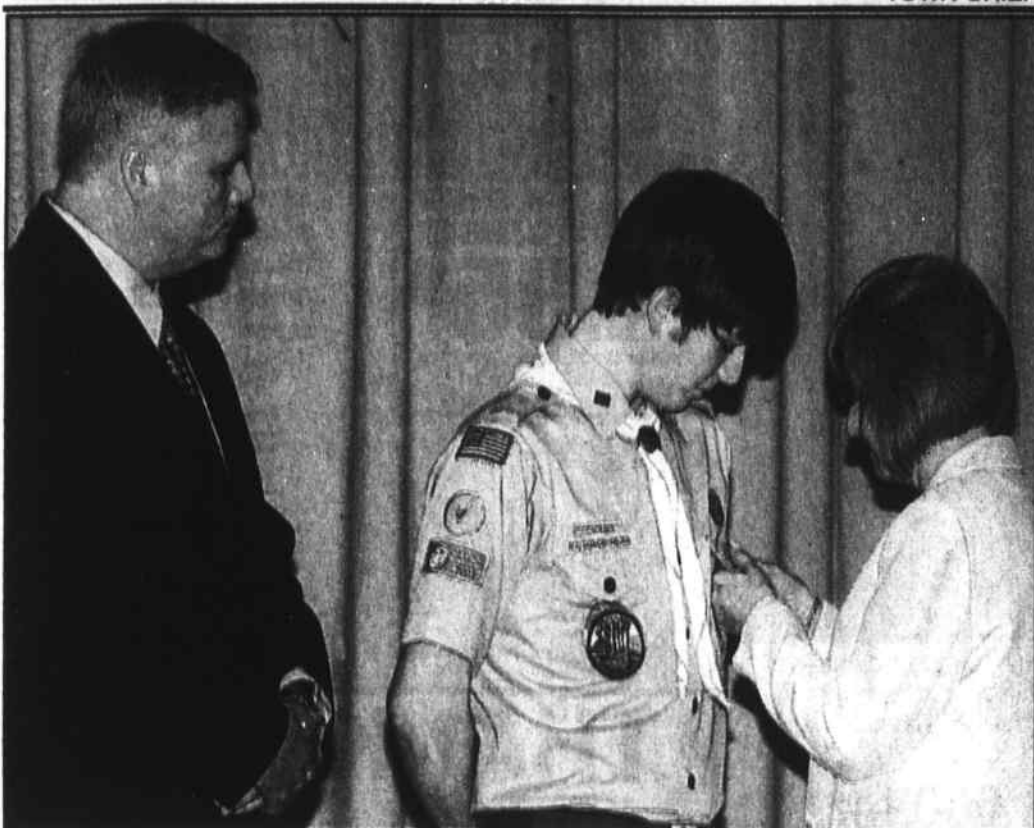
face of cancer deeply affected Jen and many residents in Wilmington. In the hopes of raising contributions and awareness Jen approached Dorsey's husband Mickey about holding an event in his wife's honor. Mickey has participated in the Pan Mass Challenge for over 22 years. He has been a vocal supporter in the fight against cancer, and he continues to tirelessly champion this cause.

Students of all levels are encouraged to attend and participate to whatever level they

feel comfortable. Students will be led through variations of 108 sun salutations by 12 gifted teachers. The number 108 is very significant in yoga and Hinduism. Traditional mala beads (garland of beads) are made of 108 beads and are used to count as you chant a mantra 108 times, much like a rosary. There are also 108 sacred sites in India, 54 Sanskrit letters each with a masculine and feminine form (108) and 108 styles of meditation. It is common practice to do 108 rounds of sun saluta-

tions to celebrate, honor or recognize different times of the year, such as Solstice or change of seasons.

Kathleen Rooney-Gray has graciously offered to host the event at The Dance Company located at 474 Main Street in Wilmington. This will allow space for up to 50 participants. Donations are \$27. Registration may be done online at www.yogalofnorth.com or in person at the Yoga Loft located at 3 Lopez Road in Wilmington.



George Breslin watched proudly as his wife Janis pinned their son Ryan with the Eagle Scout Pin during his ceremony held on April 4, 2009 at Villa Nova Hall in Wilmington.
(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)



Ryan Breslin, Troop 56 of Wilmington took the Eagle Scout Oath from Ben DeGennaro, III during his Eagle Court of Honor held on April 4th at Villa Nova Hall.
(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)



The Harnden Tavern open house featured a maple sugar exhibit on Sunday afternoon. Ed Murray explained to visitors including Mark Companschi, age 8, how the sap is taken from a tree and made into syrup.
(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Cardarelli inducted into National Honor Society

MALDEN, MA (April 2, 2009) - More than fifty Malden Catholic students including Wilmington resident Matthew Cardarelli were recently inducted into the Brother Gilbert Chapter of the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society (NHS) was established in 1921 and is a recognition program for American high school students who exhibit extraordinary achievement in scholastics, service, and character.

Malden Catholic students become eligible for National Honor Society if they're in the top 15 percent of their class and/or have achieved a cumulative average of 88 percent or better. Those who qualify are notified of their eligibility and are invited to apply. Students apply for membership by providing data attesting to their character, leadership potential and service.

Applications are reviewed and voted on by a six-person, faculty selection committee.



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Bruce gets the boot from coaching soccer

FROM FRONT PAGE

short," said Bruce. "Eric invited me into his office, we sat down and he asked me 'What's up?' Those were his words."

According to Bruce, he had just three questions for Tracy: Why (was his contract not being renewed)? With the soccer contract not being renewed, was it safe to assume that his hockey contract would not be renewed? And third, is there an appeal process?

Said Bruce: "Eric [responded by saying] he was exercising his right as a principal not to renew the contract, and then he asked me what was your second question? I repeated it, and he responded that the winter [coaches] contracts are not up for a couple of weeks [therefore a decision on that would come in the future]. Then [Tracy] said that there was no appeal process - 'It's a principal's decision and if you would like to investigate it further, you may, but as far as I'm concerned, there's no appeal.'"

Bruce has been a member of the athletic department dating back to the 1987-88 hockey season. He started out as a volunteer coach in the system for the first five years, before becoming the varsity assistant/JV coach for the 1992-93 season in the second year under varsity coach Steve Scanlon.

Bruce has also served as the varsity assistant/JV boys' soccer coach for the 12 seasons, working first under Dick

Scanlon, and subsequently under Steve Scanlon. Bruce said that he has no idea why he's not coming back after giving 22 years of service.

"I was insulted when I left the meeting [with Tracy]," said Bruce. "I thought after 22 years of service to the school that I would be entitled to more of an explanation. And I was a little offended by the meeting that I wasn't given a reason why I wouldn't be coming back."

Under the guidelines of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and the WHS School Committee, hirings and firings of members of the coaching staff lies solely within the purview of the high school principal. The Athletic Director makes recommendations to the principal, who has final say.

Eric Tracy declined to offer comment on the matter.

"We can't comment on personnel issues, therefore I have no comment on this," said Tracy.

Harrison and Scanlon also both declined to comment on the matter.

Superintendent of Schools Joanne Benton was also asked about Tracy's decision.

"I can't comment on personnel decisions, but I'll give you the facts of the case," she said.

The fact, according to Benton, is that all coaches are on the same contracts.

"It's a one-year contract for all coaches," she said. "And I



Chip Bruce, shown here as an assistant hockey coach, has been informed that his contract as an assistant soccer coach at WHS will not be renewed. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

support the principal and athletic director's decisions for all coaches."

And does Mr. Tracy have final say on this issue?

"Yes, he does have final say," answered Benton. "And I support Mr. Tracy's decision."

Since Bruce's meeting with Tracy, three people from the community - Dan Bamberg, Scott Garrant and Janice Gennetti - have started a peti-

tion that they plan on presenting to the School Committee during tonight's (April 8th) meeting. According to the petitioners, as of Tuesday morning, the effort had collected close to 500 signatures. Both Bamberg and Garrant planned on speaking on behalf of Bruce at the meet-

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Still a Good Guy

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Back in 2003, during a routine practice, Wilmington High School hockey player Jon Fish complained of an injury. Assistant coach Chip Bruce looked at the injury and thought it was a spleen problem. Later that day, Fish went to the hospital and the doctor laughed at Bruce's assessment, and asked, "Where did your coach go to medical school?" and sent Fish home. That night, Fish collapsed in his home and almost died. He was rushed to the hospital where doctors saved his life. His spleen had burst.

Back in 1996, less than a year after WHS soccer goalie Joe Bamberg had fallen from a tree in Chicago and became permanently paralyzed, a large group of people from Wilmington organized a "Joe Bamberg Day" through which thousands of dollars were raised on behalf of the Bamberg Family to help defray the monumental medical costs. Chip Bruce was right in the middle of all of that, volunteering his time to lend a helping hand.

Just a few years ago when WHS student Justin O'Neil passed away, it was Bruce who was one of the adults on hand helping O'Neil's friends

and schoolmates cope with the tragic death. He also was a part of organizing the "Justin O'Neil Day" that came months later.

Back in March of 2008, moments after the WHS boys' hockey team lost in the Division 2 state final played at the TD BankNorth Garden, captain Ernie Mello was in tears, and immediately it was Bruce who gave him a big hug and told him how proud he was leading the hockey team to a standard that hadn't been matched since 1984.

Throughout 22 years as a coach in the Wilmington High School Athletic System, Chip Bruce has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help any student he possibly could. Whether it was helping an athlete get into alcohol rehabilitation, whether it was giving his ice hockey skates to Kelly Brandano after her pair was sent to the shop, whether it was taking the entire soccer team to Rocco's for pizza out of his own wallet, or whether it was roaming the streets during the middle of the night looking for a student who had too much to drink, or who had a fight with his/her parents or a boyfriend/girlfriend, Bruce

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WHS Girls Tennis Preview

Wildcats getting into the swing of things

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High girls tennis team took a huge step forward in the program's success last season, qualifying for the state tournament for the first time since joining the Cape Ann League with a record of 10-6. The 12th seeded Wildcats then played very well in the first round of the tournament before falling to 5th seeded Arlington Catholic by a score of 3-2.

They do suffer a big loss with the graduation of No. 1 player and co-captain Danielle Miles, along with second doubles player and co-captain Taylor Kindred, but they return the large majority of their team to the fold this season as they attempt to make another run at the tournament.

Coach Kevin Welch knows that it won't be easy but he is pleased to have so many players back from last year's successful squad.

"The team this year has a lot of familiar faces, but with the exception of Ivy Co and Stephanie Woods in doubles, everyone is playing a new position," Welch said. "We need to quickly adjust to our new roles in order to be successful. Most of our victories will depend on our depth. If we can develop a deep team we should be OK."

One of the players that will be counted on most for the Wildcats will be new No. 1 player, senior tri-captain Erin McMahon, moving up from the number two slot. She will be followed in the lineup by junior Jessica Burke who is moving up from third singles.

"Erin has moved up to number one. As always number one in our league is a tough assignment," Welch said. "If Erin limits her mistakes and

picks her spots to be aggressive she should get her share of wins this year. Jessica is an intelligent player. She has to remain consistent while learning to attack her opponent's weakness."

Senior Jackie Mailey will get her first varsity experience as the third singles player for the Wildcats this season and Welch is eager to see her perform at the varsity level.

"There will be a learning curve for her but hopefully her maturity will allow her to overcome some of the changes she will face," Welch said.

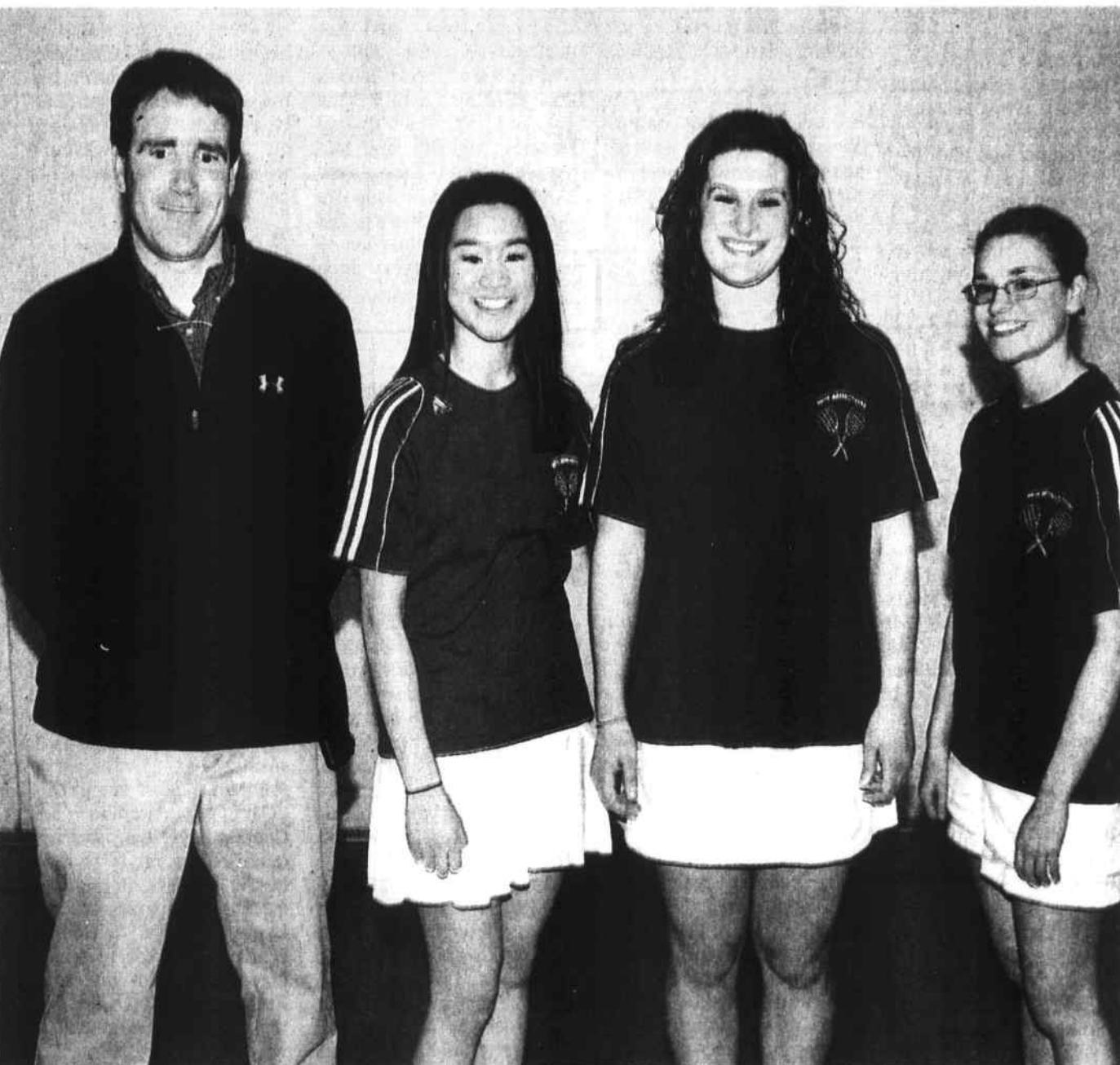
The Wildcats will once again be strong in doubles with McMahon's fellow tri-captains Ivy Co and Steph Woods returning to their role as first doubles where they were very successful last season.

"Ivy and Steph's success will depend on if they can finish points," Welch said. "When they get their opportunities they need to end the point. They can not allow their opponents to stay in the points."

The second doubles slot is still being battled out with juniors Christine Woods, Alex Copp, Jill Lacey, and sophomores Christi Bush and Kelly Duffy all in the mix.

Whoever is in the lineup Welch knows his team will have to battle in every match against the talented as usual Cape Ann League. And while it may take some time for his players to adjust to their new roles, he also knows he has a team that will adjust to any changes he asks.

"Overall the league appears to be strong this year," Welch said. "Throughout the season depending on our competition we need different girls to set up at different times. If I



The Wilmington High School Varsity Girls Tennis team opens its season this week under the direction of head coach Kevin Welch and the leadership of senior captains, from left, Ivy Co, Stephanie Woods and Erin McMahon.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

have learned anything the past few years it is that these girls are willing and able to do what is needed to help the team win."

Wilmington opened the season last Thursday and were defeated by Billerica, 5-0, in a

non-league match. The team's Cape Ann League opener scheduled on Monday against Hamilton-Wenham was rained out.

Wilmington will be back in action next week with a busy schedule facing North

Andover and North Reading on the road on Monday and Tuesday, before coming home at the Boutwell School courts on Wednesday against Pentucket.

Besides facing the Cape Ann League teams, the Wildcats

have the two non-league matches with Billerica.

Softball team ready to contend again

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

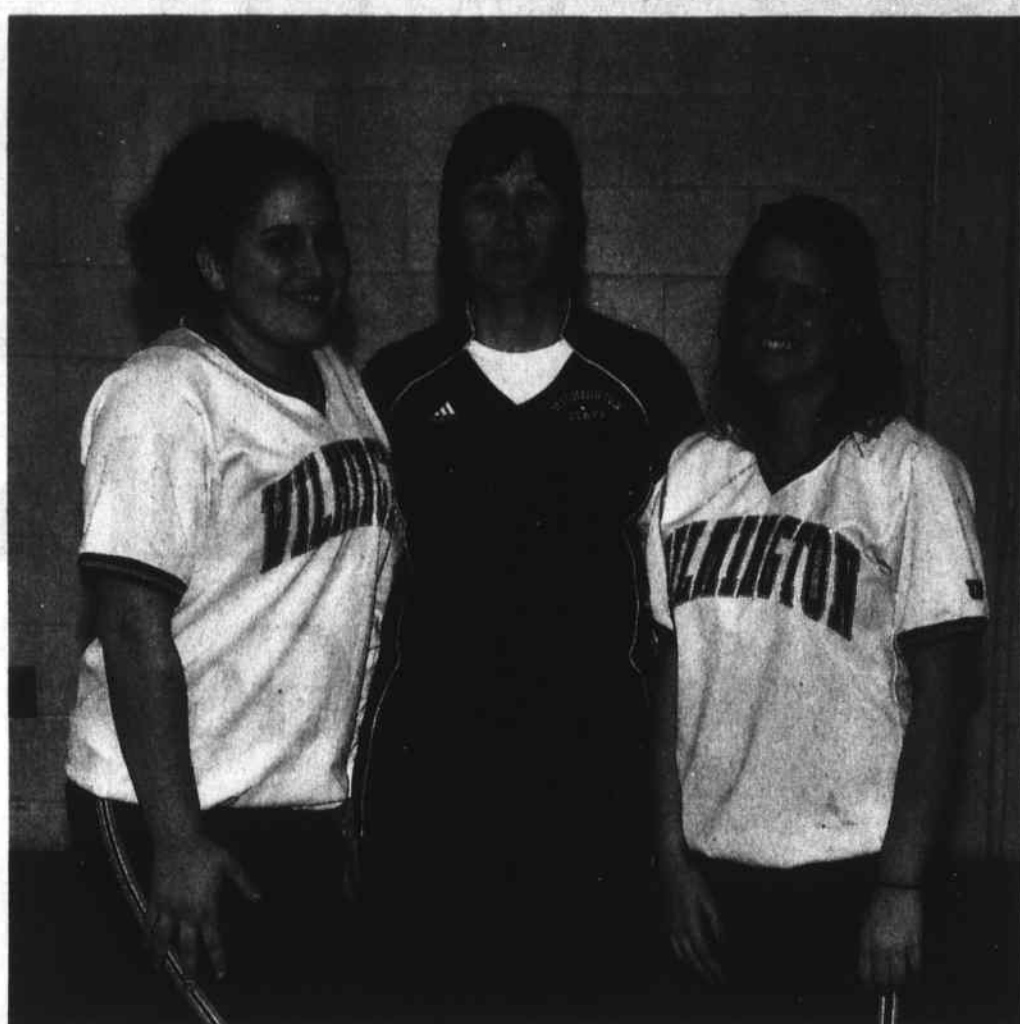
From 1993 to 2006, the Wilmington High School girls' softball team was a power house, whether the team played in the Merrimack Valley Conference or in the Cape Ann League. Throughout that time, the team qualified for the tournament every year but once, reached the sectional final four times, and also won two state championships back in the 1993 and 1994 seasons.

The program hasn't reached the state tournament in the past two seasons, with a 9-11 record last year and a 6-14 record in 2007. Now with a new coach, Audrey Cabral-Pini, she's hoping the program can get back to post-season play and she's starting that plan with the first simple step.

"The team chemistry is excellent, but we're really trying to improve on the mental part of the game," she said. "I shouldn't be the one yelling out to them how many outs there are, or what base they should be going to if the ball is hit to them or that they should have their gloves off their knees - that should be all be instinctive but right now we have to work on stuff like that."

This year's team returns six starters from last year's team that started out 9-7 under then coach Bob Surran, only to lose the final four games knocking the Wildcats out from post-season play. Among the starters are batterymates, juniors Chelsie Babcock on the mound and Brittney McLaughlin behind the plate. Babcock has logged almost 95 percent of the innings in each of the past two years, and this year Cabral-Pini has a different approach.

"We're going to use a two or three person rotation," she said. "Sometimes when you pitch back-to-back days, or you pitch a lot, it's a lot on your legs, you get tired and that's a lot of pressure. So what we're going to try to do is do something like (former coach) Paul (Lyman) did with one girl going four innings and another girl going three innings. But as long as whoever is pitching



The Wilmington High School Girls Softball team will open the season this week under the direction of first year head coach Audrey Cabral-Pini, and captains, Nicole Bockus, left, and Erin Crowley, right. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

throws strikes, we should be able to compete in every game."

Babcock is a very consistent pitcher. She works well around the plate, throws strikes and has good location. She doesn't throw 70 miles per hour, but she is a solid high school pitcher, who has continued to grow each and every season. She'll get some help this season from sophomore Tori Lord and freshman Emily Crannell, as well as senior Michelle White.

"Both Tori and Emily throw strikes but this past weekend in the play day scrimmages, I was really impressed with how well Emily threw the ball," said Cabral-Pini. "The only problem is she's the shortstop."

Crannell seems to have the lock as the starting shortstop, and she'll be surrounded by defensive whiz Brianna Parrow at first base, a very good all-around athlete in Jackie Zaremba at second base and veteran Erin Crowley at third base.

"Right now the infield defense looks good, but at the same time it's hard to tell because we haven't been outside much at all," said Cabral-Pini. "We've been in the gym where the ball hops right too you, instead of being on the field where it doesn't. But Parrow is outstanding defensively at first base."

The outfield is still yet to be determined but Cabral-Pini was leaning towards senior Nicole Bockus in right and juniors Kaitlyn Souza and Liz Crannell in the other two spots. All three of those girls are

multi-sport athletes, with Liz Crannell really coming along way this past fall with field hockey. Lord could also see time as an outfielder, as will sophomore Taylor Hanley, who is up from the JV team.

"She's going to be a good player," said Cabral-Pini of Hanley. "But if she's not playing much at varsity, I won't keep her up here, so she can keep playing at JV."

The rest of the roster includes senior outfielders Kaitlyn Riley, Amica DiMambro and Nicole Bonoccolto and sophomore Kelly Brandano, who will be used as the team's DH after injuring her throwing shoulder.

"Last year we only had a couple of kids on the bench and this year we have 16 kids on the roster, so on any day, the kids know that someone could come in and replace them on the field," said Cabral-Pini. "So I think that's why we have to better with the mental part of the game. It's just the little things they need to work on - being prepared and just being a mentally tough softball player and athlete."

The one player who seems mentally focused more than the others is catcher Brittney McLaughlin, who returns as the team's best all-around hitter and her third season as the catcher.

"She's a stud," said Cabral-Pini. "She also gets it. This weekend at the Bishop Fenwick playday, she told the team that if they played like they did this season, we will be terrible. She told the team that everyone has to be prepared for every pitch

of the season and every game. She gets it."

Hitting is where the team really suffered during the last two seasons. Cabral-Pini said the plan right now is to have Babcock leading off with Souza second, followed by three legitimate line drive hitters, Emily Crannell, McLaughlin and Brandano.

"We will use the short game a little bit more, but I also want to see us be more aggressive on the base paths," she said. "I just want to see us challenge the other team's fielders, and go from first to third, instead of being really tentative. But we also have to get on base for that to happen."

If the team can improve on its hitting, Cabral-Pini said there's no reason why this team can't get back into contention for the league title and back into familiar territory of the playoffs.

"Last year [we were 9-11 and] just missed the playoffs," she said. "Britney got hurt and we just didn't play well without her. I think if we play good defense, and Chelsie, Tori and Emily can keep us in games, we'll be OK. The league is very competitive - I think this year more than many other years, but I think we can be a pretty good team."

Wilmington was slated to begin the season on Monday against North Andover but the game was rained out. Now the Wildcats will open on Friday at Tewksbury with the game slated to begin at 10:00 am.

Cabral-Pini takes over as new softball coach

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Audrey Cabral-Pini has been around ballfields and basketball courts her entire life. And although she is no stranger to the ballfields and basketball courts here in Wilmington, she is now on the ballfield as a head coach for the first time.

Back in the fall Cabral-Pini was named as the new Wildcat girls' softball coach, replacing Bob Surran, who retired last May after spending seven years as the head coach. Because Cabral-Pini fell victim to being in the witness protection plan (kidding), she finally revealed to the Town Crier that after spending the last ten years as an assistant or volunteer coach at WHS between softball and girls' basketball, that the timing was right this time around to go for the head coach's position.

"I actually went for the position [back before the 2002 season]," she said. "I told [former athletic director] Jimmy [Gillis] that if I didn't get it, I still wanted to be a part of the program and there would be no hard feelings. Bob [Surran] had told me before [he officially retired] that he was leaving."

"I just think the timing was right. I'm not running around like a chicken with its head cut off anymore. I'm not doing Rec League Softball anymore, and plus I know a lot of these kids who are in the program now. Bob encouraged me to go for it, and I just felt like the timing was right."

Cabral-Pini was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Cambridge High School (just ask her classmate Steve Buckley of the Boston Herald) and graduated in 1974.

From there she attended Lesley College, before moving on to Boston State and UMass where she earned three degrees including a Bachelor's, a Master's and a Doctoral's in Elementary Education and High School Math. In 1978 she returned to Cambridge High School as a math teacher and has been employed there to this day.

At Cambridge High School, she coached the girls' varsity basketball team for 14 years and also served as an assistant coach before that, which included being a part of two Division 1 State Championship teams. As a head coach, she took many teams to the state tournament, and during the 1983-84 season, she led the team to the Division 1 sectional final.

"I left as basketball coach because I had to finish my doctorate's program," she said.

In the late 1990s, Cabral-Pini got involved as a coach in the Wilmington Youth Softball League and over the past 13 years has served as a youth softball coach, finally giving it up this season. In 1997, she became the JV softball coach at WHS and has been involved with the program ever since whether it was as JV coach, or a varsity assistant, which she has been for the past seven years.

Cabral-Pini becomes the program's fifth coach since the mid 1980s, with current athletic director Ed Harrison, Tom Mirisola, Hall of Famer Paul Lyman and Surran all calling the shots at one time. Lyman guided the program to two state championships, three sectional titles and six league championship titles.

Surran took over before the 2002 season, and finished

with an 98-40 record, which included three league titles and a trip to the sectional final during his first season.

Harrison said that Cabral-Pini's experience as a coach and as a member of the athletic department, were significant reasons for her being hired as the new softball coach.

"Audrey has been a great asset to the athletic program," said Harrison. "In basketball, she's been an integral part of that program as the assistant coach the last few years. The hoop team has flourished and she's been a part of that. The girls love her."

"She gets along with the kids, and the other coaches, and just being in the system she gets it - she understands it. She knows a lot between being an assistant for a number of years and she's always looking at the bigger things, at the bigger picture."

"I know she can be successful and I'm expecting her to be successful. I know I'm putting unfair pressure on her, but she knows athletics and she knows how to deal with all kinds of situations."

"I have all the confidence in the world that Audrey will get the job done and be a great coach in our program."

Besides her background in coaching softball, Cabral-Pini has also served as the JV girls' basketball coach at WHS starting in 2002 to the present.

Her youngest of two daughters, Lani, was a three-sport captain at WHS, and was the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year in 2004, and then this past December, after excelling in three sports while at Lesley College.

In Lani's senior year, the 2005 Wildcats' softball team finished 20-2 and lost in the sectional semi-finals to Triton Regional. The year after that the Wildcats finished 15-6 and lost in the second round of the tournament. Since then the program has gone 12-9, 6-14 and 9-11, qualified for the tournament just once, and losing a first round game to Saugus three years ago. Audrey Cabral-Pini would like nothing more than to get the program back to the 20-win, deep tournament run seasons.

"Our goal is to make it back to the state tournament," said Cabral-Pini. "One of the things I'm hoping to do is get the numbers back up. We actually had to cut 12 kids this season. We have 16 kids on the varsity, 16 on JV and 13 on the freshman team, so we had 57 girls out for the program and that's a real good number we would like to keep every year."

Cabral-Pini said that Kathy Quigley will serve as the volunteer varsity coach, and Marsha Jones will return as the JV coach and Mike Maloney is the freshman coach.

Cabral-Pini also said that her philosophies in terms of coaching she wants to use the short game more, wants her base runners to be more aggressive and she plans on rotating two or three pitchers as well as making some minor changes.

"To be truthful, I want the team chemistry to be better," she said. "I want to see the hustle in and out of the dugout, and I want the girls to look like a player, to have their shirts tucked in, to be ready to go - all of that should already be a given."

well as the assistant football coaches were incorrect. The top assistant football coach earns \$4,261, with the JV and Freshmen Coaches making \$2,570.

Also in the Jim McCune resignation story, it was correctly reported that he won 268 games as WHS head coach, and not 266 which the headline read.

We apologize for the confusion.

WHS Boys and Girls Track Round-Up

Boys win one, and girls team falls to NA

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High boys track team split a tri-meet at Pentucket Regional High School on Tuesday afternoon, battling not only the cold weather, but also some of the worst track conditions that coach Bob Cripps had ever seen.

"It was awful," Cripps said. "We were there a couple of years ago and it was bad then and it has declined considerably since then. We canceled the long jump because I had two kids jump and they both got hurt."

The Wildcats split the meet with a 92-33 win over their host from Pentucket, while falling to Masconomet by a score of 92-49.

The Wildcats had a good day in the field events against Pentucket with sophomore Gordon Fitch winning the shot put with a distance of 35-6, while Fitch was also part of the discus team that swept the event. Lance Flaherty won the discus with a throw of 103-2, while Fitch took second and junior Ian Conway took third.

The Wildcats also swept the javelin with senior cap-

tain Jimmy DiNuccio winning with a throw of 167-7, followed by Tom Valente and Bobby Folk. In the pole vault, the Wildcats took second and third with Mike Donnell taking second with a jump of 8'6 followed by James Mara's 8'0.

In the high jump the Wildcats took first and second with Jared Peters winning the event and Caleb Rogers taking second, each with a height of 5'2. Tony Nelson won the triple jump with a jump of 38-1.

The running events went well for the Wildcats as well, with Jon Parella winning the 400 hurdles in a time of 61.2, while they took second and third in the 110 hurdles with Mike Donnell taking second in a time of 19.7 followed by Mike Golden in third.

The Wildcats swept the two mile with Zach Sears taking first in a time of 10:55 followed by Jon Kinsella and Lyndon Hayes and they also took first and second in the 400 meters with Rogers taking first in 54.2 and DiNuccio taking second in 54.7.

Luke Sprye won the 100 meters in a time of 12.3,

while the Wildcats too first and second in the 800 meters with Joe Warren taking first in a time of 2:13, followed by DJ Livermore.

As has been their custom the relay events went very well for the Wildcats with the foursome of Sprye, Nelson, Peters and Bamberg winning the 4 x 100 in a time of 47.5, while the 4 x 400 team of DiNuccio, Folk, Parrella and Rogers won easily despite posting what was for them a slow time of 4:03.

Three meets into the season the Wildcats now hold a 1-2 record, with their losses coming to two of the top teams in the league in Masconomet and Andover. Cripps has been please with his team's effort so far and sees his squad improving as the year goes on.

"We have our weaknesses, but we are showing some improvement, especially in the shot put and the discus and also the pole vault and javelin," Cripps said. "The team is doing well so far."

Girls Track

The Wildcats girls' track-and-field team dropped its

first meet of the season to North Andover this past week.

"There were bright spots for sure," said coach Tom Bradley. "We were outscored 53-10 in field events. Erin Conway is injured and two other girls we were counting on are not doing track. We do not have any girls ready to pole vault so this is going to be a real problem at least for now."

Carmen Palumbo and Catrina Fryer both won and qualified for the state meet in the hurdles and the 100 meters, respectively. Ali Lyman and Colleen Kennedy finished in second place in the 800 and mile. Freshman Cali Pepper won the 400 at 64.3 seconds and was third in the 200 at 28.2, "which are the best times we have seen in years," said Bradley.

Finally the 4x100 relay team won behind Fryer, Palumbo, Heather Kealos and Maye Randall with a combined time of 54.1 seconds.

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.

Correction

In last week's edition, in the story written about the Wilmington High School coaches salaries, it was correctly reported that the varsity football coach's salary is \$7,265, which was as correctly reported as \$1,709 below the league average. However, on the graph showing the salaries of all the coaches within the Cape Ann League, the varsity coach's figure as

Baseball team ready to club opposing teams

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Coming off its 13-win season, which included a share of the Cape Ann League Championship and a trip to the state tournament, the Wilmington High School Baseball team enters this season very young and with a lot of preseason questions. Head coach Aldo Caira likes what he has seen thus far, and thinks this is a team that certainly has potential to being a very competitive team.

"Our inexperience may work against us early in the season, but as the season goes on I can see this team grow, get better and if we can stay close enough, contend as we did last year," said Caira.

This year's roster has to replace nine players who graduated from last year, including four of the team's top five pitchers. Certainly not an easy task.

"Graduating nine players from a league championship team, including four out five pitchers, from last year has made for an interesting pre-season," said Caira. "These guys have worked hard and competed for everything they have to this point and that's the reason why I'm so optimistic for the upcoming season."

This year's team will be led by its senior tri-captains: Stephen Stewart, Jon Spurr and Ryan Searles. Stewart is coming off successful seasons with the football and basketball teams, as is Spurr with soccer and basketball, and Searles with football.

"I'm going to have to lean on the leadership of our three captains," said Caira. "They have been doing it in other sports all year and I'm hoping that will transfer to us this spring. With Stew, Spurr and Searles, the younger guys will be looking to them for guidance and I'm sure that they will step to the plate."

Stewart was scheduled to anchor the team's starting rotation. The lefthander, who came on very strong towards

the end of the last season, has been battling an injury, thus leaving the pitching staff wide open between nine other guys, who Caira said have all been throwing.

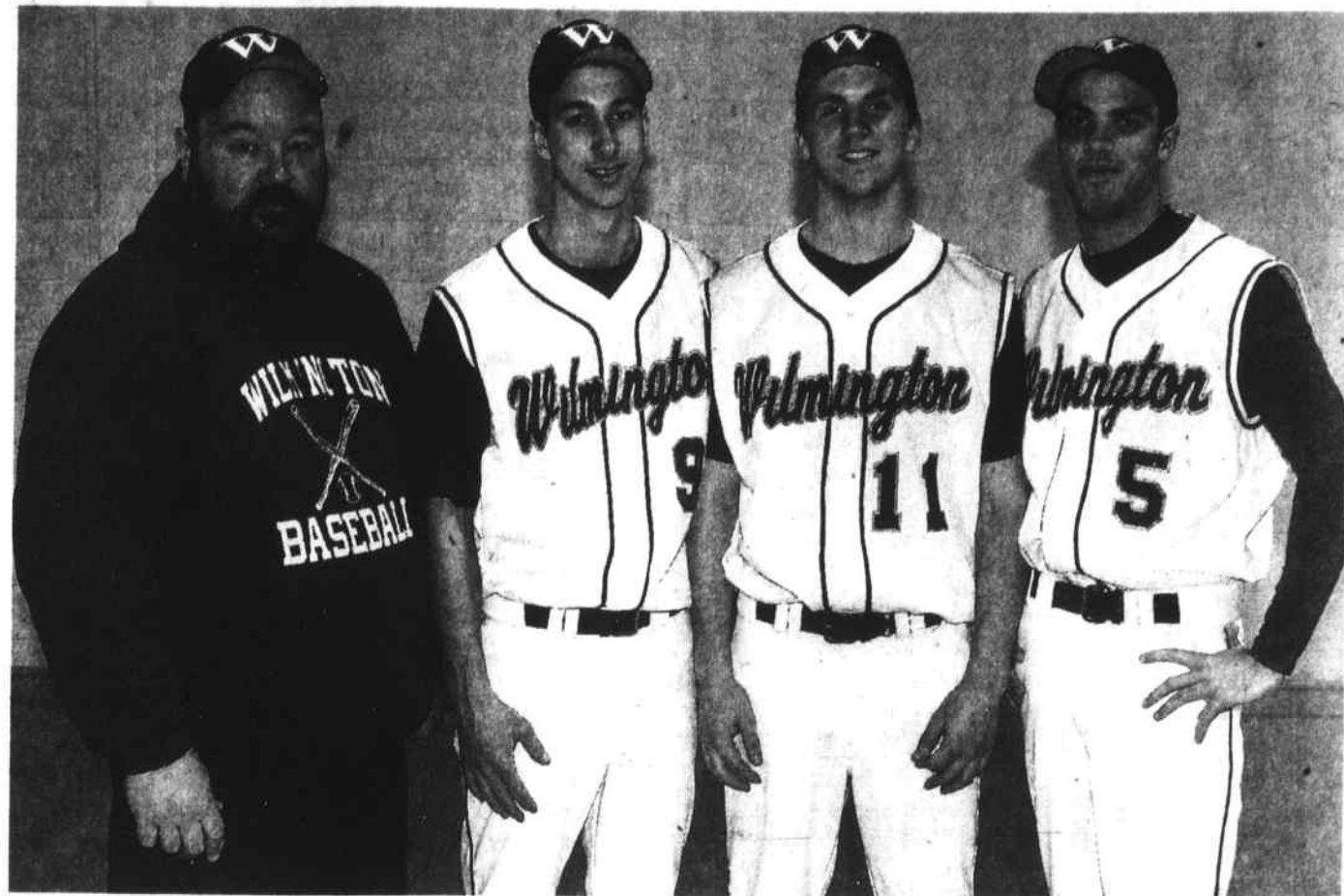
"Other than being a young team, the thing that has to work itself out is our pitching," said Caira. "We have ten kids who all seem to be throwing (in the) high 70's and a couple have reached the (low) 80's. But with that said, as of today we don't have a real innings eater that we have had in the past. I was hoping that Stephen would have been that guy, but he has had some early elbow issues that we are trying to work out."

That leaves junior Jeff Kannally as the team's No. 1 pitcher, with help from juniors Michael Murphy, Nick Boutoures, Evan Butters, Dan Cushing, with sophomores Chris Frissore, Mike Gracia, Sean Hanley and freshman Vin Scifo.

"Right now Jeff Kannally has worked his way to the number one spot in the rotation, but I still think it's way too early to put pressure on him to give us seven innings," said Caira. "Because of that we will be putting together a game by committee kind of thing. Where if we can get a solid four or five (innings) out of our starters, then with the abundance of pitchers we have we'll be able to fill in the gaps until we can get to our closer who will be Dan Cushing."

"Until Stew gets right the other two guys who will work as our starters will be Mike Murphy and Sean Hanley, but Scifo, Gracia, Frissore, Butters and Boutoures will see plenty of time on the mound too."

While the pitching is very inexperienced, the team's offense could be pretty good according to Caira. Murphy led the team in hitting last year at a .407 regular season clip. He is projected to bat third in the line-up behind Stewart, who will DH, and Spurr, who has moved from a



The Wilmington High School varsity baseball team opens its season this past week under the direction of head coach Aldo Caira and his captains, from left, Jon Spurr, Stephen Stewart and Ryan Searles. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

middle infielder's spot, to left field. Cushing, who is coming off a terrific hockey season, will bat clean-up and play first base.

Searles, who saw regular time last year, will move to center field and will bat fifth as of right now, followed by Mike Scola (RF), Pat Parker (catcher), Boutoures (3B) and Scifo (2B). The everyday lineup will depend on who is pitching, as Eric Lunt (OF), Liam Gately (3B), Butters, Gracia and Hanley (INF/OF/P) and Kyle Creedon (C) will also be vying for spots and playing time.

"As far as strengths. I believe it would be our offense," said Caira. "We have a very good hitting team, not a real powerful one but a team that makes a lot of contact and drives the ball in every direction. I think that if we are able to do any thing early it will be because of our hitting."

"We'll have to lean heavy on that until the pitching comes around. I can see us in a lot of 10-8 games and hopefully we'll be on the right side of the score. It's also an above average team when it comes to speed. We could be challenging last year's team number of 60 stolen bases, which was the most in my first seven years here."

Wilmington batted .325 as a team last year including a combined 183 hits during the regular season. Certainly batting .325 as a team again is a tall order, but Caira likes the athleticism and work ethic thus far, and those are two winning ingredients of getting things rolling on the right foot.

"Even though we will be young, we have a team filled with athletes," he said. "Kids who are baseball smart and not afraid to go out there and be aggressive. That aggressiveness showed in our five

pre-season scrimmages. We held our own against a very good Andover team, beating them once and coming back for a tie in the other game. We split two games with Middlesex and we shut out a pretty good team from Revere."

Wilmington will play its regular Cape Ann League schedule, and has two non-league games with Tewksbury and Minuteman Tech, as well as the annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Tournament, which will feature two new teams, Billerica and St. Peter-Marian to join Wilmington and Reading. First things first, is competing against the teams from the league.

"As far as the league is concerned, in (the CAL Large School Division), I think the three teams we tied for the Championship last year, Newburyport, Masco and North Andover, are going to be contenders again this year,"

said Caira. "In (the small school conference), I'm looking at North Reading and Georgetown as the teams to fight it out for the top spot. But if I had to pick the one toughest team of the lot it would have to be Newburyport. They were loaded with sophomores last year. A year more experience and a year stronger they're going to be a tough team. Sort of like what I'm thinking we are going to be in the next year or two. Don't get me wrong I'm not writing off this year."

"We are going to be a tough team to beat once we get rolling. I'm confident that we can get to ten wins this season and more, but with these sophomores and freshmen we have, Wilmington is going to be the team that the CAL is going to talk about for the next several years."

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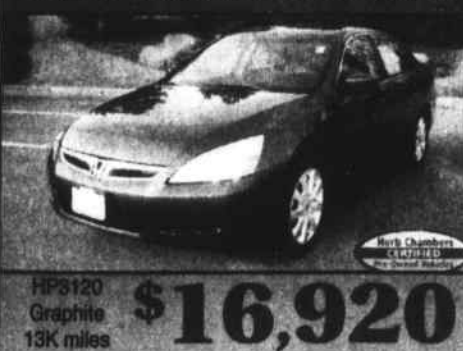
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The Wilmington Varsity Boys Tennis team will be led by co-captains Mark Delrossi (left) and Colin Wilson (right).
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Boys tennis team hoping to serve up a winning season

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High boys tennis team was only able to pick up one win on the season last year, posting an overall record of 1-15, but better days seem to be ahead for a Wildcats team that gained some valuable experience last year, and those days look as if they may be starting this season, as coach Matt Hackett is optimistic that his team can make some big strides in the win column this year.

"Six of the seven varsity spots are returning starters," Hackett said. "Last season did give many kids a chance to play for the first time and face adversity along the way. I'm excited to see how that all translates going into a new season."

One of the most important returnees for the Wildcats will be senior Kenny Vassallo, who along with returning to his role as the team's number one singles player, will also serve as team captain for the second year in a row.

"Kenny competes, practices, and leads by example," Hackett said. "He is a fierce competitor and will not accept anything less from himself or his teammates. I am fortunate to have Kenny lead our team."

The rest of the Wildcats positions are still being worked out, but Hackett is looking for a strong singles contributions from Dana Ferranti and Jon Rizzo, who will battle for the number two singles spot.

The Wildcats also look as if

they are deep in their doubles combinations, with Cody O'Connor and Adam Kline returning to their spot in first doubles, and Mark DelRossi, Alex Leiskau, and possibly others filling the second doubles spot.

"I believe our team is well rounded and versatile," Hackett said. "My line-up, although most likely set, can be adjusted based on how kids are playing throughout the season."

Although the Wildcats will definitely be improved, Hackett knows that it will still not be easy for his team to make significant gains in the Cape Ann League where every match will be hotly contested.

"Our division is always very competitive," Hackett said. "Just when you think you might compete with a school, they introduce a new freshman who takes the league by surprise. Things can change quickly in our league based on kids graduating and other factors."

While the competition will indeed be very tough, Hackett is still counting on his team making a run at that elusive .500 record and a spot in the state tournament.

"Hamilton/Wenham will be very tough again as well as Manchester/Essex," Hackett said. "I am confident that our team will improve on last year's record. Many of the kids did improve quite a bit in the off-season so I wouldn't say .500 is out of the question."

WHS Girls Lacrosse Preview

Crossing over into a new season

By MIKE GIANNATTASIO
Sports Correspondent

After finishing with a 0-15 record last year, the Wilmington girls' lacrosse team have opened up their season redeemed and ready for a fresh start. The Wildcats has been practicing and working hard in preparation for their season. Coaching the varsity squad this season is Lois Nardo, who has been involved in the WHS girls lacrosse program for four years.

"I got involved because I teach at the high school and I saw the job posting," said Nardo, who graduated from Morris Knolls High School in New Jersey, where she played field hockey, fencing, softball and track. "I played lacrosse one year in college and absolutely loved it. So I jumped when I saw the opportunity."

Nardo said she is hoping many players will be able to contribute for the team this season.

"My key players are my seniors and juniors," said

Nardo, who also attended Norwich University for two years before transferring to Bridgewater State to get her BS in Physical Education. "Starting with defense, I have three seniors: captain Lauren Nasiff, Jamie Gingras, and Brianna Brown. They all work great together. New for me in goal is junior Nicole Luz."

In the midfield Wilmington will be led by senior captain Lisa Rooker and junior captain Bryanne Maraing. Also playing will be juniors Ashley Gonzalez, Katelyn Hayes, Kellyn Campbell, and sophomore Kellie Moon. At attack the team will have senior captain Lizz Chin, senior Kaila Whooley, junior Jacqui Lyman and junior Ally Robbins.

Nardo said that many players have been very impressive for the team so far this season.

"Ally Robbins, who was goalie for us last year, has found a better home at offense," said Nardo. "Lauren Nasiff looks very quick at

defense and is a huge leader out on the field. Junior Nicole Luz is in goal, and she just picked up a goalie stick the first day of practice and looks like she has been playing that position for years. Our first attack line of Liz Chin, Kaila Whooley, and Jacqui Lyman look great on the field."

Nardo said the team has been working hard during every practice in preparation for their games.

"We have upped our conditioning this year, as most practices start with a two mile warm-up and most end with some fun sprint relays," said Nardo. "We are also spending more time with the goalies this year. Lastly we are trying to do as much game like drills as possible and incorporate stick work as much as we can."

Nardo added that the team has been concentrating on defense as that was the teams' biggest weakness last season.

"We've been working on double-teaming the opponent whenever possible and also

working with our goalies a lot more," said Nardo. "We have also been working on stick skills. It just comes with practice, and each one of our drills usually has stick skill part to it."

Nardo said she enjoys coaching the sport of lacrosse and she is happy to have a team of great girls this season.

"I love the beauty of the women's game as it's more finesse than the men's game," said Nardo. "My favorite thing is when we do everything perfect, such as win the draw, pass, catch, and score. I love seeing how much my girls have improved. It's a blast to watch them in action and see how far they have come."

"This group of girls I have this year is very cohesive and they love each others company. I think it's because of the strong leadership of the seniors and captains. They work hard and have a lot of fun together."



The Wilmington High School girls varsity lacrosse team will be under the direction of coach Lois Nardo, and the team's captains, from left, Bryanne Marra, Lizz Chin, Lisa Rooker and Lauren Nasiff.
(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Boys pick up first win against neighbor

By MIKE GIANNATTASIO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High School boys' lacrosse team is currently 2-1 on their young season. In their first game of the season the Wildcats beat out North Reading by a score of 8-4. On March 31st the squad beat Newburyport 8-5, and the team recently lost to Ipswich 15-5 on April 2nd.

In the on the road win versus North Reading, Ed Barrasso and Tim Woodland scored two goals, while Brendan Collins, Frank Sorrentino, Sean Tavares, Dan MacKinnon each added one. Ed Barrasso also added two assists while Andrew Cazeau added one.

Chris Thibault, Eric Parsons and Brian Fitzpatrick led the team defensively in the win while goalie Matt Kincaid had a solid game in net and did a great job executing the clear.

"This was a great game, as North Reading is a solid team and worked hard from start to finish," said head coach Mike Fay. "It took all we had

to keep North Reading in check. The offense showed good patience moving the ball and taking good shots all game. We cleared the ball and set up our offense very well."

Several Wildcat players scored multiple goals in the team's first home game versus Newburyport. Andrew Cazeau, Tim Woodland, and Brendan Collins each scored two goals while Ed Barrasso and Frank Sorrentino had one each. Barrasso also added an assist in the win.

Matt Kincaid was great defending the goal, as he had four solid saves that stopped sure goals. by Eric Parsons, Andy Wells and DJ Morse played great defense, while Chris Thibault was solid defender as well.

"Newburyport has a talented team, and we needed a great defensive effort to keep the game under control and allow us to pull away in the fourth quarter," said Fay. "The score was tied at the half with each team at three goals. Wilmington did a great

job winning face offs and ground balls."

"When the ball was at our stick, Newburyport could not score, and that was the difference. They had talent at attack, and the defense rose to the challenge. We introduced a zone defense in the second half to slow down the Newburyport sticks. It worked better than expected, but we have strong leadership on defense from the goal out."

Ipswich was able to give Wilmington their first loss of the season. Frank Sorrentino scored three goals for the Wildcats, while Sean Tavares and Dan MacKinnon added one each. Barrasso and Andrew Cazeau each had one assist for the Wildcats.

"This was a tough outing for us, as Ipswich came to the game ready to play lacrosse," said Fay. "I am not sure what happened to the team that beat North Reading and Newburyport, but when the bus turned on Route 1, the best of Wilmington just keep going North on (route) 95."

"We did not match up with Ipswich's intensity, as they beat on the ground, face-offs, on defense and on offense. A few guys matched the intensity, such as Frankie Sorrentino who scored three strong goals and Sean Tavares came to play as well. We need a solid effort across the board to be successfully in the Cape Ann League."

The Wildcats played Lynnfield on April 7th. The recap of this game will appear in next week's Town Crier.

"We need step up our game, as Lynnfield has a lot of talent, starting the season 2-0," said Fay. "We can be successful against Lynnfield, but we need folks flying after ground balls and attacking the Lynnfield goal. The pressure is on the offense to bounce back from a five goal outing. Defensively, we need to lock on man and make Lynnfield earn every inch of the turf."

Bozzella honored after scoring a perfect 4.0 GPA

Three local athletes including one from Wilmington were honored at the National

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Student-Athlete Day Luncheon at UMass Lowell last Friday.

The annual ceremony honored UMass Lowell's student-athletes who earned the top grade point averages on each team for the fall 2008 semester. Wilmington's Brianne Bozzella earned a perfect 4.0 GPA while helping lead the women's soccer team to an 8-5-5 record, including an appearance in the NE-10 semifinal.

Also in college news, Lani Cabral-Pini has led the Lesley University women's softball team to a 6-0 record in conference play. Cabral-Pini, who also played soccer and basket-

ball during her career at Lesley, is a senior infielder on the team.

The Wilmington native had three hits and two runs as Lesley took down Daniel Webster 10-2 in the first game of a doubleheader on Sunday. She then went 1-3 with three runs in the second game, a 13-0 win.

Cabral-Pini is batting .229 with 21 runs and 10 RBI through Lesley's first 15 games. She is in action on Friday as the Lynx play host to Thomas College.

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Fifty years ago, boxing was a hit in Wilmington

By LARZ F. NEILSON

In the spring of 1960, Dan Rheame went to school one Monday morning with a shiner. Then his picture was on the front page of the Town Crier, saying he'd earned it.

Dan received the shiner in the second year of Wilmington High School boxing tournament.

In 1959, Coach Fred Bellissimo decided to live up to his physical education classes with boxing. He purchased some 16-ounce gloves, some headgear, and began boxing instruction. Students first found themselves hitting into

the hands of a partner, learning the basics. But before long, they were sparring against an opponent.

For Bellissimo, the boxing classes gave him a way of handing down some justice. "If you were giving Fred a hard time, look out," said one former student. "It was pay-back time." Kids who liked to act tough found themselves up against some kids who actually were tough.

"The boys took to it like ducks to water, and some of them turned out to be pretty good at the game," wrote John Waugh, in the Town

Crier sports column. On the Waughpath. "Learning how to defend themselves proved to be not only educational but entertaining, and soon, nearly all the boys were taking part."

The Wilmington Boosters Club took the program one step further and organized a boxing tournament. Boosters Club President Bob Hastings proposed the tournament, and the School Committee endorsed it. The tournament ran on two weekends, with weight classes running from 80 pounds to 190, and then to heavyweight.

"The gym was jammed and the crowd was loud Saturday night when the final events of the boxing tournament attracted 30 contestants and droves of local boxing fans from the comfort of their homes to the doors of the high school," wrote Waugh.

The 1959 program had a preliminary round for weight classes with more than two boys entered.

112, Jim Gillis vs. Joseph DeLucia

112 John Rindone vs. Jeff Williamson

135 Alan Ford vs. Phil

Komenchuck
135 Arthur Zaino vs. Albert Hall
147 Eddie Palino vs. Mike Weinberg
147 Hal Waterhouse vs. Gus Sola
160 Frank Munroe vs. Brian Phillips
160 Tom DelVisco vs. Ken Budd

In weight classes with only two entrants, the first match was also the finals.

80 Dan Rheame vs. Ricky Outridge
90 Loucas Cronis vs. Jack Walden

100 Derrick McLain vs. Robert Peters
118 Billy Cotter vs. David Babine
126 Robert O'Leary vs. Grant Sanborn
175 Chas. MacDonald vs. Eddie Woods
Heavy - Billy Rooney vs. Win Fairfield

1959 winners:

80 Dan Rheame.
90 Jackson Walden.
100 Derrick McLean.
112 Jeff Williamson.
118 Billy Cotter.

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Wilmington Little League making big changes

By BECCA QUIGLEY
Sports Correspondent

The 2009 Wilmington Little League season will witness some new precedents, added benefits for this year's players, and the restoration of some deep-rooted traditions thanks to the induction of the league's new president.

Joe Mullens, Wilmington Little League board member and coach, assumed the leadership as president for the first time at the league's annual board meeting in the fall. Already, Mullens has made some immense changes that should make the season more enjoyable for players and more convenient for parents, and he is anticipating even more amendments in the future.

Although his initial reason for accepting the presidency was because the other board members were reluctant to do it, Mullens is extremely enthusiastic about receiving the opportunity to improve Wilmington Little League.

"We are all volunteers on the board, and we have been coaching for a long time," says Mullens. "It was great getting the chance to be nom-

inated by the members of the board to take some leadership."

One of the first alterations he made was the modernizing and improving of Wilmington Little League's website. Although still in the process of fixing up and making additions to the webpage, the league has included a method of online registration, which allows parents to do basically everything necessary to sign up their children for the season directly from the website.

Mullens feels the online method has proved to be easier on both the league and the families, as players can be registered from home at the convenience of the parents or guardians.

In addition to the on-line registration, the updated Wilmington Little League website includes photos, schedules, and printouts that allow players to be well-informed of recent events and become more involved with their teams.

Mullens is also staying conscious of the league's fees, a factor that affects families and the board alike. A rough estimate on the current fee is



Wilmington Little League's new president Joe Mullens. (courtesy photo).

about \$80.00 for each player; for families registering more than one player, a cap of approximately \$115.00 is put in place.

"We've worked real hard keeping our fee as low as possible, and we have probably the lowest fees out of any league in our district," says Mullens. "We have been trying to make up the difference with sponsors. Especially

with today's economy, it is important that we are smart about what we buy in order to continue to keep fees as low as they are."

Perhaps the one change that Mullens is most eager about is bringing back the traditional Opening Day ceremony and parade, which will take place on Saturday, April 18th, 2009 beginning at 9:30 am. The players, ranging from

ages 8 to 16 years old, will march in uniform and with their teams from Wilmington's Town Common to the Rotary Park via Church Street.

At their destination will begin the Opening Day Ceremony, where a ceremonial first pitch will be thrown, the National Anthem will be performed by local Bill Merrill, and special guests, two returning Wilmington soldiers, will be in attendance. A hot dog and drink will be provided to every player who stays to watch and support the two teams playing in the game, the White Sox and Red Sox.

Mullens believes that the parade has always been a great memory of his past would like today's little league players to have the experience as well.

"When I was talking about the idea of a parade and opening day ceremony with people around town, immediately they recalled their memories of doing it when they were younger," he said. "This will be the first little league parade held in over 20 years. The players will have

fun marching, and it will also be an easy way to get them all in attendance for Opening Day."

Another old little league tradition Mullens is in favor of bringing back is the end-of-the-year banquet, which he hopes to organize for the end of the season in mid-June.

"It used to be when the season ends, everyone would just go home, but with the banquet we can award the winning teams from each division with trophies and give recognition not only to the players but also to the several volunteers, coaches, and parents that help out Wilmington Little League throughout the season," he said.

With the help of the board members, Mullens is looking forward to continuing to improve Wilmington Little League and hopes his changes will promote new opportunities and players for the league in the future.

For more information about Wilmington Little League, parents and players can visit the league website: www.wilmingtonlittleleague.org.

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Bruce gets the boot from coaching soccer

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ing, just as this edition is scheduled to hit newsstands. However, Bruce's fate is not an agenda item scheduled for the School Committee's meeting.

"On behalf of the school committee, we can't accept their [request]," said Kane. "It's the wrong place. What they should do is bring their petition to the school principal. The school community has as much involvement in this case as does the common person in town - absolutely none. If the [people] even tried to place this on the agenda, we could not hear it, per our lawyer. This case has nothing to do with the school committee."

Garrant initiated a petition, but for unexplained reasons asked not to be quoted about this issue in the Town Crier. Bamberg, however, agreed to speak on the record.

"I've known Chip Bruce for a long time. He's had several of my kids through his programs," said Bamberg. "He has always done a great job as a coach and he's great with the kids. He's one of, but not the only coach, who the kids like and also respect. Someone like Chip, who has been here for as long as he has, and who has done what he has done for the kids of Wilmington, should at least be given a reason why he's not coming back."

"For what he's done, there should be a pretty darn good reason why he's not coming back and I can't imagine a case like that here. I support Chip - he's been great with the kids, great with my kids and he's a friend of mine as well. That's why I felt compelled (to start a petition)."

Bamberg hopes his voice can be heard when he appears in front of the School Committee when the meeting gets underway in the WHS Library, beginning at 7:00 pm.

"My understanding how this works based on the MIAA rules that have been adopted is that the school committee can't change the decision that has been made, but the superintendent of schools can," said Bamberg. "We feel that this is not a fair practice and we want to present the case to the school administration."

"Chip deserves an answer as to why his contract is not being renewed. We all believe that he's an excellent coach in the system, and he's also an excellent member of the school system. I don't know this for a fact, but because there's been no reason provided for him not coming back, you have to assume it's a personal thing, and to me that's not a good enough reason."

"We hope (Wednesday night) that the community can show enough support, so perhaps the school administrators will reconsider this decision. We just feel that this decision is shortchanging the kids of Wilmington. We're not out to 'get' Eric Tracy or Joanne Benton - that's not what this is about. This is about what's best for the kids. And not having Chip as a coach is short-changing the kids of Wilmington."

In addition to the support shown by the local community through the petition and the presence at the School Committee meeting, Bruce has also taken a few steps of his own.

"My request is to meet with Joanne Benton," Bruce said. "And I've also spoken to a Union Representative [of the Wilmington Teacher's Union] who has helped outline a potential grievance, and we will look into that further. If available and necessary, I will file a grievance [with the Teacher's Union]."

Bruce was asked if there have been any personal issues between himself and Tracy, or if there are any reasons he can think of why he is not returning as a soccer coach.

"I have an exchange student [staying with me] and [back in the fall] there was a difference of opinion between Eric and myself about [the exchange student's] eligibility [to play soccer]," said Bruce. "It was a disagreement on an interpretation of a MIAA rule, but it worked itself out. We had a disagreement through email but it worked itself out - so besides that I can't think of another personal issue."

"I don't know what I did for Eric to decide to end this relationship. To undo 22 years of what I feel is pretty good service, I'm shocked. I have no skeletons in my closet."

Besides being a coach in the system for the past 22 years, Bruce has been a member of the Wilmington Police Department for the past 21 years. He served as the DARE Officer from 1994 to 2001, and has since been the Middle School Resource Officer from 2001 to the present. In that position he teaches and counsels middle school students, as well as instructs students on law enforcement.

In addition to his two paid jobs as an officer and a coach, Bruce was also a founding Board Member of the Wilmington Youth Center, and was involved as a volunteer in a number of town activities such as the 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and the Police Activities League. He organized countless yearly white water rafting trips for students in town, and is the Vice President of the Camp 40 Acres Board. In 1999 Bruce was named the Town's Good Guy, and he also spent time helping out with the Joe Bamberg Day and the Justin O'Neil Day.

His efforts in helping out student-athletes have not gone unnoticed.

"Honestly, you can't say enough about what Chip Bruce has done for the town of Wilmington and the people who live here," said Ernie Mello, a 2008 WHS graduate, and captain of the boys' 2008 hockey team. "Besides his obvious involvement in things like the W.P.D. and W.H.S. sports, many of the things that make Chip Bruce a special person are the little things that go unnoticed."

"For a great deal of the younger population of Wilmington, Chip is simply a friend who you can come to

with a problem, ask for advice, count on to keep you away from trouble, or just talk to. His efforts in things like D.A.R.E. and Wilmington's exchange-student program reflect who he is as a person, someone who is always willing to help even if it comes as a result of his own sacrifice.

"In my personal experience, he has always been there for me through the highs and lows of my life, and like many others I am grateful for everything that he has done for me. I speak for many when I say it is very disappointing to see something like this happen to a man who has invested so much of his life into something he cares so much about. What makes it worse is that I know how much it must hurt him to see this happen. It just seems remarkably unfair, and completely unwarranted to do this to someone who, in my opinion, sets a great example for what the Town of Wilmington stands for. It's almost a joke."

Current three-sport athlete Jon Spurr, who was a member of the soccer team this past fall, said that Bruce has been an instrumental figure in his life.

"I've known Chip since I was in fifth grade; he was my D.A.R.E. officer at the time," said Spurr. "I would always look forward to him coming into the classroom to talk to everyone. He taught me many life lessons that I still follow today. Chip can be extremely funny, but when it's time to get down to business, he is always very serious."

"Chip does not take coaching lightly and cares a lot about the team and its individuals. All of the soccer kids like Chip and what he does for the soccer program. He works hard at what he does and everyone thinks that he is a great coach."

"I also know that he is a coach of the hockey team and that he puts forth a lot of his time each year to be involved in both sports programs. If Chip does not come back, we would be losing a great coach, and an even better person."

Bruce added that with the strong support of the community, he's hoping it will at least force administrators to provide a reason for non-renewal of his contract.

"I hope somehow that people get together and find out what the issue is," he said. "If there's something [the administrators] want me to change, I'm more than willing; if I felt it's necessary to do, and they felt it was necessary. But it's hard to decide what they would want to do because I don't know what I did, and I don't know what there is to fix."

"I know after the soccer season, every parent filled out forms about the season, and there wasn't anything negative about me on any of the forms. The only thing that could be considered negative was I played every [kid on the JV team] and to me I don't see that as a negative."

The tournament ran for six years, but were abruptly shut down after someone reported the event to the state for running a boxing event without a license.

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Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	April 9	V/JV Baseball	at Wilmington	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	Fr Baseball/Softball	vs Wilmington	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Burlington	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	V Girls Tennis	vs Andover	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	V/JV Boys Lacrosse	at Burlington	4:00 PM
Thursday	April 9	JV Girls Lacrosse	vs Burlington	5:00 PM
Friday	April 10	V/JV Boys Lacrosse	vs Dracut	10:00 AM
Friday	April 10	V/JV Girls Lacrosse	at Dracut	10:00 AM
Friday	April 10	V/JV Softball	at Wilmington	11:00 AM
Friday	April 10	V/JV Baseball	vs Salem	12:00 PM
Monday	April 13	V/JV Baseball	vs Wilmington	3:30 PM
Monday	April 13	V/JV Girls Lacrosse	vs Billerica	3:30/5PM
Monday	April 13	V/JV Boys Lacrosse	vs Saugus	4:00 PM
Monday	April 13	V/JV Softball	vs Lawrence	4:15 PM
Tuesday	April 14	V Girls Tennis	vs Amesbury	3:30 PM
Tuesday	April 14	V/JV Boys Lacrosse	vs Haverhill	4:00 PM
Wednesday	April 15	V/JV Softball	vs Methuen	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 15	V Girls Tennis	vs Billerica	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 15	B/G Track	at Billerica	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 15	V/JV Baseball	vs Lowell	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 15	Fr Baseball/Softball	at Lowell	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 15	V/JV Girls Lacrosse	at Lowell	4:50 PM

Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	April 9	V/JV Baseball	vs Tewksbury	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	Fr Baseball/Softball	at Tewksbury	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	Boys V Tennis	vs Triton	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	V/JV Softball	at N. Andover	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	V/JV Girls Lacrosse	vs Masconomet	4:50 PM
Thursday	April 9	V/JV Boys Lacrosse	vs Manchester	4:50 PM
Friday	April 10	V/HV Softball	at Tewksbury	11:00 AM
Saturday	April 11	V/JV Baseball	vs Minuteman Tech	1:00 PM
Monday	April 13	V Girls Tennis	at N. Andover	3:30 PM
Monday	April 13	V Boys Tennis	vs N. Andover	3:30 PM
Monday	April 13	B/G Track	at Ipswich	3:30 PM
Monday	April 13	V/JV Girls Softball	vs Masconomet	3:45 PM
Monday	April 13	Fr Baseball/Softball	at Masconomet	3:45 PM
Tuesday	April 13	V Girls Tennis	at North Reading	3:30 PM
Tuesday	April 13	JV B/G Track	JV Meet	3:30 PM
Tuesday	April 13	JV/V Girls Lacrosse	at Ham-Wenham	3:45/5PM
Tuesday	April 13	V/JV Boys Lacrosse	vs N. Reading	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 14	V Girls Tennis	vs Pentucket	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 14	V Boys Tennis	at Pentucket	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 14	B/G Track	at Ham-Wenham	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 14	V/JV Softball	vs Stoneham	3:45 PM
Wednesday	April 14	Fr Baseball/Softball	vs Ipswich	3:45 PM
Wednesday	April 14	V/JV Girls Lacrosse	at Ipswich	3:45/5PM

Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	April 9	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Westford Academy	3:30 PM
Monday	April 13	V Boys Lacrosse	at Blackstone Tech	3:30 PM
Monday	April 13	V Girls Lacrosse	at Arlington Cath	3:30 PM
Tuesday	April 14	V Girls Lacrosse	at Essex Aggie	3:30 PM

Bruce is still a Good Guy

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has always been there when called upon.

He's the guy everyone could talk to for advice. He's the guy who would help you out if you were in trouble in school, with your parents and with your coach. He's that guy.

Now after 22 years of service, between being an assistant ice hockey and soccer coach, Bruce has been told his services are no longer needed.

According to Bruce, Wilmington High School Athletic Director Ed Harrison recommended Bruce for the Fall 2009 season, but WHS Principal Eric Tracy decided against his return. Bruce never got an explanation why, and Tracy isn't talking to the press, and is simply offering "no comment."

So the question is: why is a coach who has done so much for the student-athletes of this town, being asked not to come back? Tracy won't divulge the answer - Harrison isn't talking either, and Superintendent of Schools Joanne Benton said only that she stands behind Tracy's decision.

So what gives?

I have known Chip Bruce for over 20 years. He served as both my youth hockey coach, and was on the staff during my four years of playing (well, sitting on the bench) during my less-than-noteworthy Wildcat hockey career. During my senior season of 1992, I regrettably quit the ice hockey team because I felt like I deserved more playing time than I was getting.

I remember when I graduated from WHS in June of 1992, I received a long note of congratulations in the mail from Chip, telling me how proud he was that I graduated and how he thought I had a terrific future in life. He did that after I turned my back on him, and the team. That letter meant the world to me.

Over the last 20 years I have considered Chip Bruce a very close friend. I have a great deal of respect for him as a person, as a police officer, as a friend, and as a coach. I have always had a lot of fun with Chip. Call him opinion-

ated, but that is what makes Chip Bruce the incredible person he is today.

Besides the friendship I have with him, I also consider Chip Bruce the best assistant coach the high school has today. His organization, his knowledge of both soccer and hockey, his ability to help student-athletes improve, learn the sport and enjoy it, is next to none. And that is evidence by the impressive success of both of the athletic programs in which he is involved.

Throughout his career as an assistant coach between ice hockey and soccer, Bruce has been a part of two trips to the state championship final, two sectional championships, three sectional appearances and nine league championships.

Bruce and Steve Scanlon, the head soccer and ice hockey coach, have formed an incredible coaching duo, one that's very well respected throughout the town, and certainly throughout the state. In fact the two of them were together before Wilmington, coaching seven seasons of soccer at Westford Academy where they won a state championship title and several other sectional titles.

Bruce instructs and teaches with the best of them, and he's also the first one to bark up a player's tree if he is underperforming; all to get the best out of the individual.

And his philosophy has worked - it's obvious with the success of his JV players who get promoted to the varsity level. He's also that rare species of JV coach who takes a player not able to physically compete on the field, and find a spot for him within the team. Ask those kids what that has meant to them.

Because of my friendship with Chip Bruce, getting involved in this situation is very difficult for me. It is my job, but at the same time I have the utmost of respect for Tracy. I think he has done some great things here as the high school principal. I'll never forget seeing him in the stands of Manchester-Essex High School three years ago to witness firsthand Ashley

Vitale's reach for 1,000 career points. I knew then that he was here for the right reasons.

But because of my friendship with Bruce, because of my extensive dealings with him through this paper, I can speak with some level of authority as to just exactly what Chip Bruce means to the soccer and hockey programs, to the students of WHS, and more importantly the Wilmington community.

Tracy refuses, or is unable for legal reasons, to present his side. In the absence of any logical argument against Bruce makes it impossible to understand Tracy's position. It leaves one little reason not to suspect that the decision is based more on some sort of political and/or personal agenda. And that's not right.

As a coach, it's hard to argue there are any better than Bruce within the athletic system - look at the records of his JV teams over the last ten years. It's remarkable. He's more than qualified to remain the JV soccer and hockey coach, and it can be argued that there are other varsity and sub-varsity coaches on staff today who are not qualified for their positions, but who Tracy is allowing to return for another season.

Until Tracy reveals why Bruce is not returning, aside of course from it being "Principal's Decision," Chip Bruce and the rest of us are left in the dark.

That's a shame.

When it comes to hiring and firing coaches, it should always come down to, "doing what is best for the kids." If letting Chip Bruce go is best for the kids, there are an awful lot of people waiting to be convinced.

Having Chip Bruce in the corner of the students of WHS is what's best for them, and is what is best for this town. Just ask kids like Jon Fish, Joe Bamberg, Ernie Mello, and one former hockey player from 1992, who knows all about Chip Bruce helping a young adult steer himself in the right direction.

Fifty years ago, boxing was a hit in Wilmington

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126 Robert O'Leary.
135 Phil Komenchuk.
147 Eddie Palino.
160 Brian Phillips.
175 Eddie Woods.
Heavy - Winston Fairfield.

Eddie Palino won a second trophy for outstanding boxer. He won it the hard way, with two tough bouts on Saturday night. First he out-pointed a gritty Mike Weinberg in a toe-

to-toe slugfest. Then he had to outlast a muscular Gus Sola in a bruising finale. Palino's picture was on the front page of the Town Crier, receiving the trophy from MC George Dyas.

The 1960 tournament had newspaper coverage in photographs, but no complete write-up. Johnny Herson was judged as the best boxer. Jeff Williamson was shown boxing

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New coach, new season, new outlook for Rams Baseball team

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech baseball team will be undergoing a number of changes as they head into this season. The biggest change for the Rams will be at the top where former assistant coach Jim Sullivan will take over for Kevin Bloom as head coach after Bloom retired this off season after seven years as at the helm of the Rams.

Sullivan brings plenty of coaching experience to the Rams having served as head coach at Maynard High from 2005-2007 before joining the Rams as an assistant last season. Prior to his tenure at Maynard, Sullivan was an assistant coach at Bedford High for 20 years.

Sullivan inherits a team that is coming off a tremendous season last year. A season which saw them compile an 18-7 overall record while winning the CAC large championship while also advancing to the state vocational title game as well as the Division 3 North semi-finals.

But he also inherits a team that has lost nearly its entire nucleus from last season, with just one starter returning from last year's squad. Overall the Rams lost 12 seniors off of last year's team, but Sullivan does not think the cupboard is bare by any means. In fact, he is looking forward to seeing some of his new players get a shot at some full time action.

"Last year we had a great team, which is what you would expect from a group of seniors that had been playing together for a few years," Sullivan said. "This year we are building a team with a bunch of untested kids. But they have a lot of enthusiasm and great attitudes."

Despite the loss of so many starters Sullivan has not changed the goals he has set for the team at the start of the season. He sees no reason why his squad should not be playing in the post season this year.

"The tournament is always the goal," Sullivan said. "You always set three goals for yourself with the first being to win your league, and the second being to make the tournament and the third being to advance as far as possible in the tournament."

The one starter who does return for the Rams is junior shortstop Kevin White of Tewksbury. White will bring his experience to a key position on the field as will senior second baseman Shawn Miller and senior third baseman Dan Walkley. While Miller and Walkley do not bring the playing experience that White does, Sullivan will still be counting on them to step up.

"Kevin is going to anchor our infield along with Miller, so we should be strong up the middle," Sullivan said. "Kevin will bring us a lot of leadership and I expect big things out of him, but I expect big things out of everybody."

"Players like Miller and Walkley served as role players last season and they are chomping at the bit to play a bigger role," Sullivan added. "We have a lot of different players taking on different roles. They have proven they can win in other sports, and now they want to prove they can win in baseball as well."

One of the biggest winners for the Rams is senior first baseman Mike DeRosa, fresh off leading the Rams hockey team to the state championship game.

"Winning is contagious and winners expect to win every time they compete," Sullivan said. "Mike has a great winning mentality and he will also be one of our leaders."

Other starters for the Rams will include a platoon of senior Nick Petrillo and sophomore Zach Tiel at catcher, junior Bjorn Hanson in centerfield and senior Justin Chenover it right field.

Senior Derek Harding of Tewksbury will play leftfield for the Rams.



The Shawsheen Tech Varsity Baseball team begins its season this week behind local players, from Tewksbury starting from the left includes Sean Hannon, Mike Bowse, Kevin White and Derek Harding, with Wilmington residents Bill Reynolds and Justin Chenover. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

"Derek has a great attitude," Sullivan said. "He really hustles and leads by example. He practices as if it is championship game."

Along with playing right field, Chenover will also serve as one of the Rams pitchers along with senior lefty Ryan Bright and junior righty Sean Hannon of Wilmington. Junior Chris Rogers will be the Rams closer.

"No one has really established themselves as the number one guy but they are all in the mix for that," Sullivan said. "When the ball is in their hands we will just be looking for them to give us the best they can."

Whoever is pitching or playing for the Rams Sullivan knows his team will have to

be at their best if they are going to once again challenge the top of the CAC Upper Division.

"I think Whittier will be the team to beat and I also think Greater Lowell will be very competitive," Sullivan said. "We will let the chips fall where they may and see where we settle into that mix."

One thing is for sure, Sullivan knows he has not seen the best his team has to offer yet.

"There is no doubt this team has not reached its potential yet," Sullivan said. "If they continue to work hard they will get better as the year goes on. It does not matter where you start, it's where you finish."

Several local athletes honored at Austin Prep

Several local Austin Preparatory School athletes were recently honored for their talent and efforts on their respective winter athletic teams this season.

The following local Austin Prep students received awards:

From Tewksbury: Dan McDermott, senior, winter track, Unsung Hero Award; Ethan Marsh, senior, basketball, Sportsmanship Award; Kaleigh Gorman, junior, hockey, Catholic Central League All-Star

From Wilmington: Paul Bruce, junior, hockey, Most Improved; Chris Bundock, freshman, basketball, Sportsmanship Award; Brian Callahan, freshman, hockey, Sportsmanship Award; Cam Fitzpatrick, senior, hockey, Coaches' Award, Catholic Central League All-Star; Marybeth McMahon, junior, JV hockey, Sportsmanship Award.



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Track teams ready to dominate CAC teams once again

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Both the Shawsheen Tech boys and girls track team are coming off outstanding season last year, but at the same time both see room for improvement this year and are optimistic they will show that improvement. The boys are coming off a season where they went 9-1, losing a chance for a second consecutive CAC title in the last meet of the season with a loss to Chelsea, while the girls are coming off a very impressive 7-3 record of their own.

With many top athletes returning to each team, there is little reason to believe that this season will be anything but a tremendous success for both teams.

On the boys side, the Rams will bring back stars like senior Calvin McMillan of Tewksbury, who is not only coming off a fantastic wrestling season, but also had an outstanding track season last year and will be looking to build on that in the javelin event.

"He just missed qualifying for states last year so he will be looking to do that this year," Shawsheen coach Jay Tildsley said. "He was undefeated in the league last year and he is hoping to get even better. He also gives us great senior leadership."

Three other seniors will also provide the Rams with both leadership and talent are Andy Maga of Tewksbury in the 100 meters and the long jump and Andy Puccio of Wilmington in the mile along with Kyle LaCroix.

"Andy is a three sport athlete who is always in great shape. He will be looking to have a great sprinting season for us, as will Kyle who had a real good season for us last year," Tildsley said. "Andy will be our best distance runner this season."

Sophomore Dave Summiel of Tewksbury will return in the shot put and discus for the Rams and he along with fellow sophomore Ethan Culwell of Tewksbury will give the Rams a chance to score in both events in every meet this season.

"Dave has been training hard, lifting weights and getting ready for the season. He is hoping to go right to the top this season," Tildsley said. "And Culwell has had a great work ethic. He is in shape and ready for the season."

Senior Derek Steen of Wilmington may be the best of all the Rams returnees, competing in the high hurdles, low hurdles, long jump and triple jump. Steen has qualified for the state meet for the past two seasons in the high hurdles and will be looking for nothing less than that this season.

"He came in this year ready to go," Tildsley said. "He is looking to do well in the states this year. He is also one of our leaders."

The boys have posted a 44-4 record over the past four years under the direction of Tildsley, and they will be looking to have the same type of success this season, but Tildsley knows that there will be some stiff competition in the CAC.

"The league again will be tough with the likes of Greater Lowell, Whittier, and Chelsea," Tildsley said. "But our guys have a little bit of a revenge philosophy. Not winning the league last year left a bitter taste in their mouths."

Girls

While the girls team has not had quite the success of the boys team, they have improved every year under the direction of Tildsley and last year had their best season to date with a 7-3 mark which earned them a second place finish in the CAC.

Over 40 girls have joined the team this season, giving the Lady Rams their biggest numbers ever, and Tildsley is looking forward to seeing what kind of success this group can have.

"The girls are working hard and learning every day. They want to become recognized as a top team in the league," Tildsley said. "They see the success of the boys and want to emulate their achievements. If we can build from where we left off we will be in good shape."

While Tildsley is excited about all of the newcomers to the girls team, he is most happy to see returnees such as juniors Abby Pinard and Alyssa Mooney of Tewksbury, who were both outstanding last season in the mile. Mooney is also coming of a cross country season where she won the state vocational championship.

"The two of them are the best of friends and they love to compete with each other," Tildsley said. "They push each other in the spring just like they did in cross country. Both of them are leaders and they have also helped bring some other girls out for the team."

Senior Sarah Pietila will once again lead the Lady Rams in the shot put, long jump and triple jump, while sophomore twin sisters Amanda and Breanne Vocell will lead Shawsheen in the 100 meters and 200 meters respectively.

Another sprinter from Tewksbury, junior Lauren Impemba will also give Shawsheen a chance for points in every meet in the 100 meters.

"After last year's record of 7-3, we are definitely moving in the right direction," Tildsley said. "We are bringing back basically the whole team and coming off our best season yet, we are hoping to do even better this year."



The Shawsheen Tech Girls Softball team opened its season up this past week under the direction of head coach Maureen Buckley. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Lady Rams reloading for another long season

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech softball team exceeded all expectations last season with a 21-5 overall record and a CAC Large School championship as part of a season that saw them advance to the Division 3 North sectional semi-finals as well as the state vocational championship game.

They did all of this with a young and inexperienced team, and as they return to defend their CAC Large title the Lady Rams will once again be trying to meet the challenge with a relatively young squad.

"We were very happy with last season," Shawsheen coach Maureen Buckley said. "We graduated two seniors and we lost a couple of other kids as well. We are definitely looking forward to the season. The girls are working hard and getting along really well."

As Buckley said, the Lady Rams did not lose a lot of players, but they did lose some key players in key positions. So while to the outside observer, it might seem that Buckley and her team would be even more confident heading into the season after being so successful last year, the seventh year coach is not getting ahead of herself.

"I wouldn't say we are more confident," Buckley said.

"The positions we opened up were centerfield, first base and catcher which are some key positions on a team. We have freshman and sophomores in some key positions. That being said, everyone is working hard and ready to go."

One key position where Shawsheen definitely does not have to worry about is pitcher where senior Kelli Jo Deardorff and junior Sara Elwell of Wilmington will lead the way. Deardorff is a perennial CAC All-Star and former league MVP and Elwell would likely be number one starter on nearly any other team. Together they give Shawsheen a weapon most other teams simply do not have.

"It is fabulous to have them together," Buckley said. "They offset each other real well because their strengths are totally different. Kelli is more of a power pitcher and Sara is more finesse. If we change them during a game it takes the other team a couple of innings to adjust."

Deardorff will also see some time at catcher, but when she is on the mound she will likely be throwing to either sophomore Allison Trayah of Tewksbury or senior Tori Philbrook.

"Allison has done a wonderful job stepping into that role. It is a huge responsibility for

a young player," Buckley said. "And we already know what Tori can do and she has done a nice job behind the plate for us as well."

Freshman Jen Curtis will take over at first base for Shawsheen, while junior Jenna Zechner returns from injury to reprise her role at second base.

Sophomore Kristina Lees of Tewksbury is also coming off an injury which forced her to miss most of the basketball season, but she is back at full strength and should provide the Lady Rams with some pop at shortstop this season.

"Kristina is a very good athlete," Buckley said. "It might take her a little time to get into playing condition because of her injury, but she is a very good athlete and I am confident that she can do it."

Philbrook will play third base when she is not behind the plate, bringing some much needed experience to that position and the Lady Rams will also bring some experience to two of the outfield positions with senior Brittani Walsh in right field and classmate Amanda Russo in left.

Russo is injured at the moment, but Buckley is looking forward to her contributions throughout the season.

"Amanda is the hardest working kid I have," Buckley

said. "She is hurt now, but she will be back. She is the best kid you could ever want to have."

Sophomore Brooke Mallahan and senior Jessica DuBuque will both see playing time in centerfield.

With a good mix of returning veteran and new players, Buckley has been impressed with the way her team has gelled in the pre-season, and in fact views their togetherness as the team's biggest strength.

"This is a good group of girls which is very important if you want to be successful," Buckley said. "If you have any type of division it can really hurt your team. We have to work a little on our offense, but that will come. This is probably the most unified team we have had in years."

While Buckley is confident in her team's abilities, she knows they will be in for a fight as they attempt to repeat as CAC champs.

"Greater Lowell will give us a good challenge. They have a good majority of their players back," Buckley said. "I have not seen Whittier yet, but from what I hear they have a couple of talented freshman pitchers, and Greater Lawrence could also give us a challenge. We are looking forward to the season."

Tennis team looking to get past league rivals

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech co-ed tennis team had a very impressive season last year posting an 8-3 overall record, but as the Rams head into this season they are looking for even more success. Specifically they will be looking to knock off CAC rival Greater Lowell, who handed them all three of their defeats last season.

Shawsheen coach J.P. Boriello knows all too well what it is like to be on the losing end against the Gryphons and he is determined to help his team cross that one final hurdle this season.

"We bring a lot of kids back from last year and I think we can have a very good season," Boriello said.

"Hopefully if we can beat Greater Lowell it would be a great season. If we can beat them we should be in good shape."

As Boriello said, the Rams do bring the bulk of their team from last season, losing only three seniors from last year's team. One of the key returnees of the Rams will be senior co-captain Kyle Stocki of Tewksbury who will play first singles for the third year

in a row.

"Kyle has been playing singles for us since freshman year and last year he was the top number one singles player in the CAC," Boriello said. "I expect a lot of good things out of him this season, just like he has given us the past couple of seasons."

Senior Mike Burgos will play second singles for the Rams, while sophomore Joseph Villeneuve of Tewksbury will play third singles.

"Mike has been playing singles with me for the past three years after playing doubles as freshman," Boriello said. Joseph joined us late last year, but he has played a lot over the summer and looks like he is going to do very well this season."

Sophomore Ross Griffin will play fourth singles for the Rams.

"Ross is doing a good job," Boriello said. "He did not play much last year, but he has improved a lot over the summer and he earned his spot in singles."

The Rams top doubles team will be juniors Alex Perez and Mike Rose.

"They played in that spot last year and they work real-

ly well as a team," Boriello said. "They will be looking to be CAC All-Stars this season."

The second doubles team will be Jess Lee and senior Jake Humes of Wilmington, while the third doubles team will be Dana James of Tewksbury and Sarah Middleton.

"Jess and Jake are looking good so far and even though Dana and Sarah are inexperienced they are showing a lot of promise," Boriello said.

Stocki and Humes will serve as captains for the Rams.

"They have been with the team for four years and they both have great attitudes and lead by example," Boriello said. "They both deserve that spot."

Stocki, Humes and all of the Rams have set a goal of capturing the CAC crown this season, but they know they can't accomplish their goal if they do not topple defending champ Greater Lowell.

"The kids really want to get that win over Greater Lowell this year," Boriello said. "They all have a positive attitude and are ready to go out and get it. Greater Lowell will be very good this season, and I think Minuteman will be very talented as well. We

almost got caught off guard last year against other teams so we have to be ready for every match."



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Track team will be led by Kyle LaCroix of Tewksbury, left, and Andy Maga, right, the team's co-captains, who stand with head coach Jason Tildsley.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Rams Boys Lacrosse team trying to reach new goals

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The past two regular seasons could not have gone much better for the Shawsheen Tech boys lacrosse team, as the Rams have posted back to back perfect 16-0 records to capture consecutive Mass Technical Lacrosse League (MTLL) titles, establishing themselves as one of the better Division 3 programs in the area.

In fact, as they enter their seventh season as a varsity program, the Rams have established themselves as the class of the MTLL, consistently finishing at the top of the league standings. The state tournament, however, has been a different story for the Rams, as they have had to move up to Division 2 for the past season and have not been able to capture a post season victory, losing many of the games by lopsided margins.

Last year was different for the Rams, however. While they were still unable to pick up that elusive tournament

win, they Rams battled an established Division 2 East program, Wayland, throughout their tournament game before falling by a score of 12-9. It wasn't a win, but it was another step in the evolution of the lacrosse program.

"Obviously the goal is to get a win in the tournament," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "But last year let us know that we can play with some of the top teams in Eastern Mass., which is what Wayland is year to year."

Making things even better for the Rams this year is the number of players they are returning from last year's championship squad. While they lose one of their top scorers in Mike Arricale, they return their two top scorers, as well as their entire corps of defensemen and their senior goalie.

"We bring back a lot of kids with a lot of experience and they have really gelled on their own," Baker said. "They played in a lot of leagues in the off season and you could tell from the first practice of the season. The guys who

were starters know where each other are going to be and are already ready for the season. Now we can focus more on becoming a better team instead of just basic skills."

Two of the key returning players for the Rams will be senior tri-captain Shawn Donovan of Tewksbury as well as senior Cory Foss. The two attack men led the team in scoring last season with Foss setting a new school record with 55 goals and Donovan piling up 93 points. Baker is looking for big things once again from the pair.

"We are counting on everybody, but clearly those guys are an important part of the team," Baker said. "Cory is a great defensive attack. He is all over the field and he has a great scoring touch. And Shawn sees the field incredibly well. We will be depending on them."

Senior Kyle Gaffey of Wilmington will take over for Arricale in the third attack spot. While there are some big shoes to fill with the loss

of Arricale's 79 points last season, Baker is confident in Gaffey's abilities.

"He is looking good so far," Baker said. "Like a lot of kids he has not always played lacrosse and only started playing when he came to us. But he took a love to it and has done a great job. He is also a great kid. He is very coachable."

While the Rams will be very strong on offense they will be equally as strong on defense as well, with sophomores Dylan Leone of Tewksbury and Jesse Dillon, along with seniors Evan Walsh of Wilmington and Chris Adams of Tewksbury all returning to their starting roles.

"We will be very good defensively," Baker said. "Our strengths will be both putting the ball in the net and also playing defense. This group is not only good defensively, but they are good athletes too. We have never had as much athleticism as we have back there right now."

The tough defense continues all the way into the net where senior Ryan Smith of

Tewksbury, who had an outstanding 3.03 GAA last season will return to the fold and be joined by sophomore Frankie Mearles of Wilmington.

"Right now after being our starting goalie and playing well for us, Smith is our starter, but they are both going to see playing time," Baker said. "Mearles will not go down easy. It could be either on any given day and they are both very good goalies."

Other returning starters for the Rams will be midfielders Jason Baker of Wilmington, a senior, along with fellow midfielders and Wilmington residents junior Ryan Hunt and senior Ryan Savini.

Donovan, Walsh and Jason Baker will serve as team captains for the Rams and coach Baker sees great leadership ability in all three players.

"Donovan does not say much, so he will kind of be our quiet captain, but he leads by what he does on the field," Baker said. "Jason tries to get the kids to follow him in whatever he does, whether it is on the field or

helping to do things like put the nets away after practice which usually only the younger kids do."

"And Walsh is great at helping out the young kids. He will pull them aside and try to help them in any way he can. The three of them are good kids and they are willing to do anything to help the program."

While the Rams will clearly be the favorite to capture another MTLL title, Baker warns that his team should take nothing for granted.

"Assabet, Blackstone and Greater New Bedford could all be good teams," Baker said. "On any day if we don't show up we could get beat. Our biggest weakness may be that we feel over confident, so we have to guard against that. Our goals is to win the league again, and obviously with the success these guys have had the past couple of years, if we do not do that, it will be very disappointing for us."

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Youth Soccer offering scholarships

The Wilmington Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) is proud to announce four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded this year. This scholarship pro-

gram is open to all current residents of Wilmington, Massachusetts that have participated in the WYSA soccer program. Each candidate must submit the following items:

non-relative who is a resident of Wilmington.

*an essay (1 to 2 pages) describing the impact that WYSA participation has had on you.

Scholarship applications are available at your school's guidance department. Completed applications and materials must be received (postmarked) no later than Wednesday, April 30, 2009 to be eligible. The above referenced items should be mailed to:

Wilmington Youth Soccer Association
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Wilmington Middle School

2ND YEAR NO. 2

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009

Taking a Super Swing at History

By KAITLIN KINSELLA and REBECCA McLAREN

WILMINGTON - Mary Pratt never sat on the bench of history. She was an original member of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League during the 1940's. When the movie "A League of Their Own" premiered in theaters across America in 1992, this women's league finally received much recognition. With men away at war, women became one of the highlights in baseball.

The AAGPBL was founded in the spring of 1943 with the hopes to continue the tradition of baseball in America as President Franklin Roosevelt

considered shutting down Major League baseball for the duration of World War II. Many of the top men in baseball were drafted into the war leaving room for women to play professional baseball in their own league from 1943 until 1954. Tryouts were held and Pratt was one of the chosen few to claim a spot on the Rockford Peach roster.

Pratt pitched for the Rockford Peaches and Kenosha Comets from 1943 to 1947. The lefty pitcher threw a no-hitter against the Minneapolis Lakers. "Throwing a no-hitter felt wonderful, but it wasn't only

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Mary Pratt, AAGPBL legend, shares baseball tips with young fan Mary-Kate Mahoney.

A Colorful World

By Amanda Bonnette-Kim and Rachel Donahue

WILMINGTON - Students cut, color, sculpt and design while creating decorative patterns hoping to turn them into works of art. It's not an exact science, but the students measure and manipulate the materials until a finished product is constructed. Neal Roberts, an art teacher in the Wilmington school system for the past 22 years, surveys the session encouraging the Art Club members to think like artists. "The Art Club meetings," said Roberts, "give students who like art an extra opportunity to expand their skills. Art Club is an after school program where students work on activities that we wouldn't normally have a chance to work on in class."

Art Club has been a part of the Wilmington school system for more than two decades.



Mei Lu Barnum, a WMS sixth grade student, shows her artistic abilities.

"The Art Club existed before I became part of the Wilmington system 22 years ago," said Roberts, "so I have

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Setting Sail

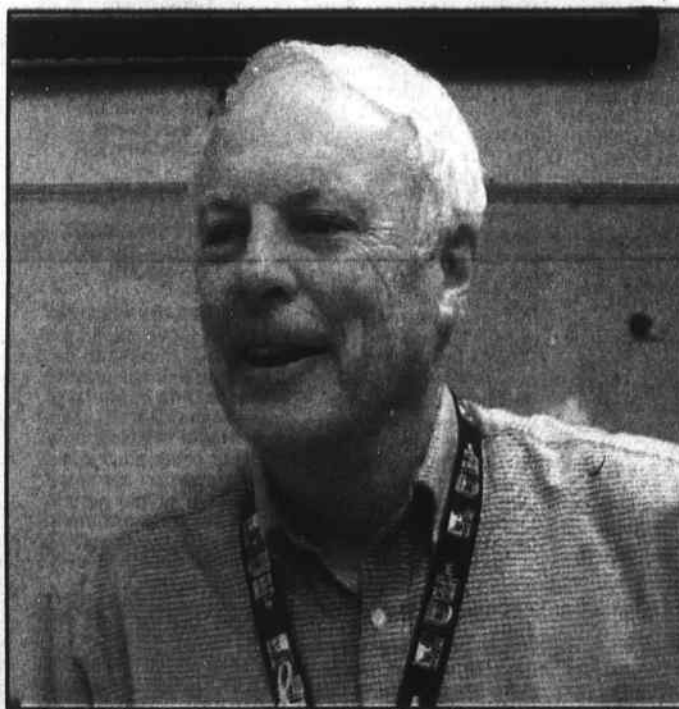
By CAITLIN CHENEY

WILMINGTON - President Nixon was in office, Neil Armstrong had recently walked on the moon and the war in Vietnam was raging when Frank Birmingham began his teaching career. Birmingham began his teaching career at a Navy correctional facility on a United States Navy base in Boston as a training supervisor helping inmates earn their high school diplomas before joining the Wilmington school system in 1975. "I came to Wilmington because I lived here and it seemed like a good school system to join," stated Birmingham.

After teaching for almost four decades, Birmingham decided to retire at the end of this school year. Birmingham spent most of his teaching career in Wilmington and enjoyed his many years in the system. "I have loved every minute of my teaching career in this town because of the

wonderful students and parents," offered Birmingham. During his teaching career,

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Frank Birmingham holding a class discussion during a seventh grade social studies class.

Time to Play

By SERENA OUELLETTE RACHEL NUSSBAUM

WILMINGTON - Lights, camera, action! A classic movie and hit Broadway musical came to the Wilmington Middle School as many of the school's young stars joined together to present Grease to the community. The WMS version of the melodic masterpiece, performed from March 26 to March 28 in the school's auditorium, was co-directed by Julie Kelley and Jill Hasselbacher who are both music teachers in the school.

Kelley and Hasselbacher held auditions for two days allowing students to display their talents. "Every student had to audition for a part and commit to attending all rehearsals to be part of the play," explained Hasselbacher. Auditions were held after the vacation period in December. After receiving their roles in the musical, students had to practice almost every day until the performances were held in late March. All members of the cast

were responsible for learning and practicing their parts. "Being in a play is the same as being on a team," said Hasselbacher. "All members of the cast had to practice



Emily Troy, a sixth grade WMS student, getting ready to perform in the school's version of Grease.

their parts and I had to work with the students so we could perform to the best of our abilities." Although most of the students were seen acting on stage, there were many behind the scene roles that were just as important to presenting a winning play. "We had an invaluable backstage crew that included middle school and high school students who painted and helped move sets," said Hasselbacher. Even a former Wilmington Middle School music teacher, Chris Desjardins, returned to the school to play the piano during the musical.

Last year's WMS school play was Aladdin. "It's hard to compare one production with another," said Hasselbacher, "but I think all the students did a great job this year. They worked really hard and dedicated themselves to making this year's play a big hit. I think it was a wonderful show because of the support of the students,"

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Winning Writer



Michaela Finn accepts congratulations from WMS sixth grade teacher Stacey Benoit. Finn, a sixth grade student, placed second in a statewide essay contest sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

Showing Spirit

By JENNA DOMEK, RACHEL DONAHUE and AMANDA BONNETTE-KIM

WILMINGTON - Excitement, creativity and spirit were found throughout Wilmington Middle School during the school's annual Spirit Week held March 16-20. The week long event allowed students to express their creativity in many different ways. Every day had a different theme ranging from Blue and White Day to Decade Day. Decade Day allowed stu-

dents to dress in clothes from different decades ranging from poodle skirts from the 1950's to disco styles from the 1970's. Michaela Ouellette and Ruby Miller-Nuzzo, two sixth grade WMS students, dressed in attire from the 1980's including beaded necklaces, skinny jeans, rainbow leg warmers, high tops and puffy hair.

On March 17, the students participated in Green Day. Students dressed in green to represent either Irish her-

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WMS Foreign Language teachers, Donna Dube and Cynthia Irish, dress as twins representing famed Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

Problem Solving

By REBECCA LODATO and WILL MacKINNON

WILMINGTON - Take 18 students, add in two teachers, a few math problems and the result equals the WMS Math Club. Wilmington Middle School's Math Club is for students with a passion for mathematical equations. They meet every week to work on complex prob-

lems for challenges beyond the normal math classroom.

The Math Club has been part of the Wilmington Middle School's after school program for many years. "I've been co-advising the Math Club for two years," said Kristin Papanickolas, an eighth grade math teacher at Wilmington Middle School. "Last year, only six students participated in this after school activity. This year, 18 students have joined the

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Math Club co-advisors and WMS staff members, Kristin Papanickolas and Lindsey McKenna, discuss math problems with eighth grade student Nathan Connors.

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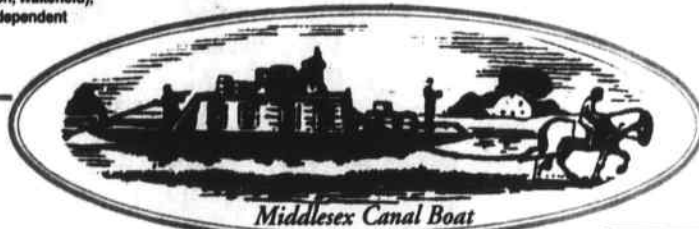
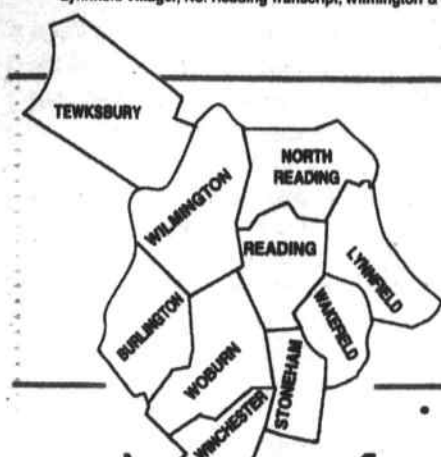
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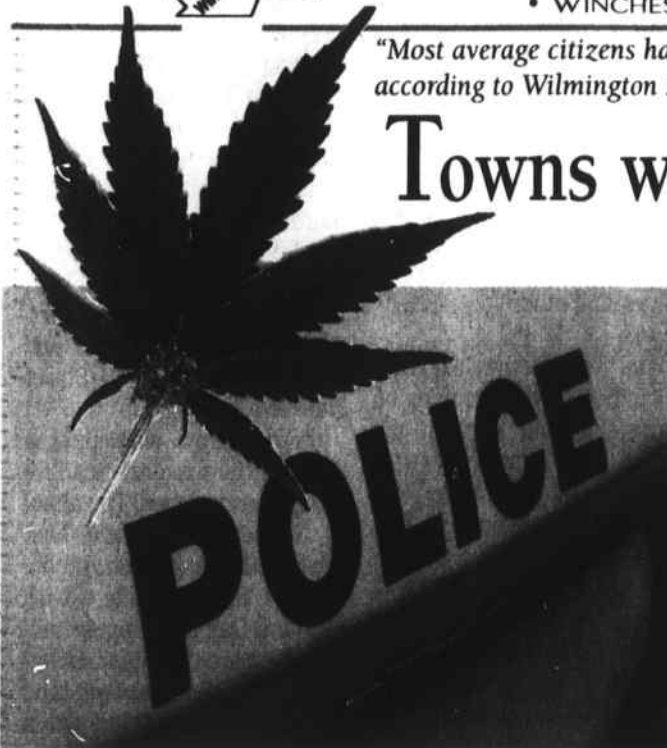
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"Most average citizens have no idea that you can roll between 30 and 50 joints from an ounce of marijuana," according to Wilmington Police Detective Lieutenant, Christopher Neville.

Towns whack weed use with new bylaws

Marijuana Policy, the Michigan based organization substituted a \$100 fine instead of jail time for those possessing the drug.

"Most average citizens have no idea that you can roll between 30 to 50 joints for an ounce of marijuana," said Wilmington Police Detective Lieutenant, Christopher Neville.

Tewksbury's Deputy Police Chief Timothy Sheehan agreed.

"An ounce is a substantial amount of marijuana," Sheehan told Middlesex East. "Its four fingers worth in a sandwich baggie."

And the value of dope? Well, according to Woburn's Detective Ralph Coakley, an ounce is worth several hundred dollars.

Enforcement of the new law isn't any picnic either. Initially, cities and towns did not have a standardized form for the citations. Officers could not write out a speeding ticket or other traffic violation for violators. Some cities, like Woburn, are working on creating a standardized form that offenders would receive.

"The new law has probably caused us more paperwork," said Neville. "Now we write the civil violation, a \$100 fine, however there is no penalty attached to that fine, and if people don't pay it there is no recourse. So we're spinning our wheels here unnecessarily."

The way the Question 2 is written, adults are fined \$100 and must forfeit the contraband. Offenders under age 18 are also subject to the \$100 civil penalty and forfeiture of the contraband, but must also complete a drug awareness program (including a slim ten

hours of community service) within one year of the offense. Failure to comply will raise the fine to \$1000, and for juveniles both the parents and the offender are jointly responsible for the fine.

However, there is nothing within the law to compel payment of the fine. There is no recourse beyond the fee, the law specifically prohibits ability to suspend a driver's license, and there is no probation required either

for delinquent fines.

Juveniles may appeal the fine, but hearings will be held publicly in open court, not in the relative privacy of juvenile court. Before, most officers agreed, first time offenders never had pot possession on their records. In Wilmington, Neville said they would confiscate the pot and send it for destruction. In Woburn, said

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Walk for cancer

Woburn's Bomb Squad



THE BOMB SQUAD, at Horn Pond in Woburn. Back row (left to right) Jacqui Greene, Veronica Pineau, Colleen Martin, Jill Oram, and Courtney Woolard. Kneeling in front (left to right) Kathleen Donovan, Carly Desalvo and Kiley Burns. On April 17th, the Bomb Squad will be holding a fundraising event at the Woburn Country Club at 7 P.M. There will be light refreshments, live music, raffles and much more. Tickets are \$20/person. For tickets or information please call Colleen Martin 339-227-9051.

The scariest words any woman can hear are "you have breast cancer." Another scary thing for a young woman is to know it runs in your family. Colleen Martin of Woburn has lost her grandmother Cecilia Tighe and her aunt is in remission Jacqueline

Donovan. Breast cancer has haunted the Martin family. Colleen wanted to do something to protect herself and the other women in her life.

She decided to sign up for the Avon 2-day Walk in Boston May 16-17th. The walk requires each person to raise \$1800. The money she raises will be managed and disbursed by the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade to help provide access to care for those that most need it, fund educational programs, and accelerate research into new treatments and potential cures. We will walk up to a marathon and a half over a weekend, raising awareness of the cause and educating even more people.

When Colleen mentioned this to her friends there was no question that they would walk with her. This local Woburn squad came up with the name Bomb Squad. The members include, Courtney Woolard, Kathleen Donovan, Carly Desalvo,

Veronica Pineau, Jill Oram, Kiley Burns and Jacqui Greene. Together the team will raise over \$14,000. This is not an easy task and the girls are reaching out to the local community to help them reach their goals.

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For tickets please call Colleen Martin 339-227-9051 or Jacqui Greene 339-927-7092 or e-mail ctm1083@hotmail.com mail-to:ctm1083@hotmail.com To mail in donations please send to: Colleen Martin, 7 Phillips St., Woburn, MA 01801. Make checks out to Avon Walk For Breast Cancer. For online donations or to learn more about the team http://www.avonwalk.org/goto/thebombsquad

By Jayne Miller

With November's election came passage of a new state law, turning possession of an ounce or less of marijuana into a civil, rather than criminal, matter. Now, nearly five months later, local law enforcement remains frustrated by the new law and municipalities are preparing to introduce new regulation to curb public use of cannabis.

Warrant articles across the Commonwealth would make it illegal, if passed, for any person to "smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume" marijuana while on public property, including streets, sidewalks, schools, parking lots, and cemeteries. The law extends to any publicly owned or controlled property, busses, or anyplace accessible to the public. Violators would be fined \$300.

The warrant articles

require the approval of town meetings while their city equivalents, ordinances, must be passed by city councils. The regulations, based on language originating from the Massachusetts Attorney General's office, are widely supported by police departments in the area.

Tewksbury, Wilmington, Woburn, Burlington, Wakefield and Reading are all looking to pass the new bylaws.

When voters overwhelmingly passed Question 2 last November, 65 percent to 35 percent, most thought that the law, which makes possession of an ounce or less of marijuana a civil offense, would be easier for police to enforce and prevent the devastating effects of a criminal record on arrested youth.

As it turns out, the law is not so cut and dried. Written by a group called the Committee for Sensible

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"FAST AND FURIOUS" SAME OLD, SAME OLD



"FAST AND FURIOUS" is the fourth movie in this franchise. The only reason to sit through it is the racing scenes which are exciting.

"FAST AND FURIOUS"
GRADE: **

"Fast and Furious"? More like "Same old, Same old."

The latest installment of the "The Fast and the Furious" franchise, the fourth flick in this 'epic' saga, promises to bring back the thrills of the original by reuniting the original four stars. But like a car on a cold morning, it doesn't matter what you've got under the hood if you can't get the engine to turn over.

The overall production looks like someone took a "Hot Wheels" video and combined it with an episode of "Girls Gone Wild" - it's all MPH and T&A, which boosts your beats per minute but puts your brain on ice for about an hour and 40 minutes.

As the film opens, Dom

Toretto (Vin Diesel) and girlfriend Letty (Michelle Rodriguez) are down in South America pulling off high-speed hijackings of tanker trucks. This opening chase sequence is the best part of the film, so its unfortunate its done in the first 15 minutes.

As this is happening, FBI agent Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) is in L.A. chasing down bad guys. He hasn't seen Dom's sister Mia (Jordana Brewster) since he used her to infiltrate Dom's gang in the first film.

Despite his status as a fugitive, Dom returns to the U.S. for revenge after the death of a loved one. The man responsible for the death is a drug smuggler who uses street racers to peddle his product, and (what a coincidence) he is

being investigated by Brian's FBI unit.

Of course, Dom and Brian once again team up to get the bad guy, posing as daredevil drivers, and Brian gets to rekindle a romance with Mia.

The only reason to sit through this one are the racing sequences, which are exciting, if utterly ridiculous. If one could floor it through the inane dialogue as fast as the cars are going, then this film might be a bit more enjoyable.

"MONSTERS VS.
ALIENS"
GRADE: ****

"Monsters vs. Aliens" is a colorful, visual animated gem shown in flawless 3-D. It has enough action to keep the kids happy, but the real reason to see it is the countless references to a bevy of movie monsters, which will please any fan of the old 'Creature Double Feature' series on Channel 56 Saturday afternoons.

The latest from the DreamWorks is a aliens-invasion-Earth epic in which we are saved not by the army but by a group of monsters who have been kept in a top-secret subterranean prison.

We meet bride-to-be Susan (voiced by Reese Witherspoon) preparing for her big day, standing outside the church when a meteorite crashes nearby, causing her to grow until

she's 50 feet tall. Making matters worse, the terrified young woman is snatched by the military and incarcerated in a super-secret prison overseen by Gen. W.R. Monger (Kiefer Sutherland).

Among the prisoners there are bizarre creatures who have fallen into government hands. B.O.B. (Seth Rogen) is a one-eyed blue blob; Dr. Cockroach (Hugh Laurie) is a scientist who ended up with an insect's head after a lab accident. The Missing Link (Will Arnett) is part lizard, part man, part amphibian and all bad temper, and Insectosaurus is a huge moth.

When a gigantic alien robot lands outside San Francisco, the outgunned military decides to send in the monsters. Susan and her prison pals finally defeat the metallic menace, but only after flattening a good part of the City by the Bay, including the Golden Gate Bridge.

But the threat has only begun, as alien leader Gallaxhar shows up with a huge army of mechanical soldiers.

The animation is perfect, the 3D effect dead-on, and the obvious affection for old-time movie monsters by the filmmakers is evident throughout the picture.

"I LOVE YOU MAN"
GRADE: ***

Actor Paul Rudd may have gotten his start as a

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Calendar of Events

VICTORIAN TEA AND FASHION SHOW

The American Baptist Women are planning a Victorian Tea and an unusual Fashion Show. This event will be held at the First Baptist Church, 3 Winn Street in Woburn on Sunday, May 17 from 2 - 4 p.m.

The cost for the tea and fashion show is \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance. Further information and tickets can be had by calling the church at 781-933-3008.

Entertainment will include an unusual fashion show featuring gently used clothing. Models will circulate the room allowing the guests a close up view of the outfits while enjoying tea, punch, fancy pastries, cookies and other special delicacies.

This very worthy fund raiser is to benefit the Breaking of Chains, helping women get free of their enslavers who force them into degrading jobs by promise of valid work. The thrift shoppe boutique will be open following the Tea and Fashion Show.

NAMI NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 13

National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI, has its next meeting on April 13 at Horizon House, 78 Water Street, Wakefield at 7 p.m. It will be a Caring and Sharing meeting.

NAMI is an organization which provides support and information to families and friends of those with mental illness. NAMI also advocates

at the state and national levels for legislation to improve the quality of life for loved ones suffering mental illnesses.

Future evening meetings are May 11 and June 8, also at 7 p.m. For more information call 781-438-1851. All families and friends are welcome.

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN WHO'VE LOST THEIR MOMS

The Center for Grief and Healing (CGH), a program of Hospice of the north shore, is offering a support group for "Women Who've Lost Their Mothers," a free resource open to any woman in the community who has lost her mother.

The group begins Wednesday, April 15 and runs until June 3 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. At the Center for Grief and Healing, 78 Liberty Street Danvers.

"For many women, the death of their mother is a life-altering experience. The annual Women Who Have Lost their Mothers support group, timed to coincide with Mothers Day, is an opportunity for women who are struggling to make sense of, and come to peace with the death of their mothers. Women join together to share their experiences, learn coping strategies and move towards healing," Said Nancy Herman, director

While the support group is

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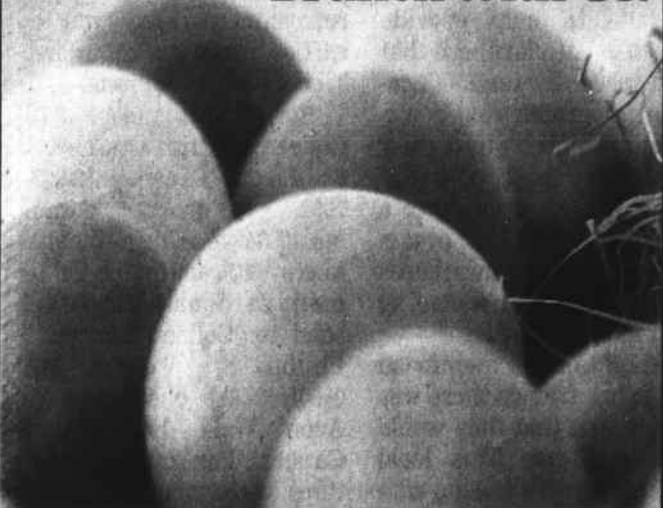
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VETS ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 26th Yankee Infantry Division Veterans Association will be having its 90th Annual Convention/Reunion at the Margate Resort, Laconia, NH on June 9, 10 and 11.

Anyone who served in any unit of the 26th Infantry Division at any time is welcome to attend. Family and friends are also invited. Please contact Robert Raney, 27 Forest Street, Peabody, Ma. 01960-4138 or 978-531-2257 if planning to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PLANT PINES

Looking for a way to help Mother Earth this Earth Day? Look no further! Volunteers are needed to restore pitch pine habitat in the dunes at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge.

Pitch pine tree planting will take place on the refuge Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m. and Wednesday, April 22 at 1 p.m. Volunteers should meet on the Refuge at the "Sub Headquarters parking lot. All ages welcome; tools will be provided.

"Pitch pines not only provide habitat for a variety of wildlife on Plum Island, they help stabilize the shifting sands of the dunes," says Refuge manager Graham Taylor.

For more information please contact Sarah Janson at 978-465-5753.

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by Phyllis Nissen

GOODS STUFF, ALUMNI MAGIC, AND FIRE SALE

GETTING THE GOODS IN BURLINGTON

"The Planning Board voted recently to approve a site plan waiver for Brothers Enterprise, Inc. to locate a grocery store in the Hillside Common plaza at 120 Cambridge St., across from Burlington High School," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The store will be a dry-goods-only establishment."

"During the initial discussion on the application, held on Feb. 19, concerns were raised about parking and the location of Dumpsters in the plaza."

"The store will use 1,290 square feet of space formerly occupied by a dance studio."

"The vote to approve the waiver was 6-0; Albert Fay was absent."

CLAIMS TO FAME IN WAKEFIELD

"On Friday March 6, 2009, the Wakefield Memorial High School

Journey for Light 5K Road Race/ 1 Mile Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. This will be the 23rd year hosting this event. The race begins at Burbank Ice Arena, Haverhill Street, Reading. T-shirts will be provided to the first 100 registrants. Pre-registration fee is \$18 and \$20 on the day of the race.

For more information and registration forms contact Tom Clough at Tom.Clough@verizon.net. or 781-944-8419. Register on line at www.racein.com/register/?event=362.

Alumni Hall of Fame inducted eight new members at a banquet at the Sheraton Colonial in Wakefield. The well attended event was sponsored by the Wakefield High School Alumni Foundation, founded in 2006, and dedicated to the preservation of the legacy and future of the high school," notes the Wakefield edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The distinguished honorees were recognized in the following categories: the arts, business, community service, education, government, military service, the sciences, and special achievement. The mistresses of ceremonies for the evening were high school principal Elinor Freedman and Foundation president Emily Holmes, a WHS faculty member and WHS graduate."

"Richard Elliott (also a Stoneham resident, by the way) was recognized for achievement in the arts."

Nominated by his fellow classmate from the WHS class of 1944, Dick Cotter, he was presented by yet another member of the class, Roy Hult. Hult not only introduced his friend to the audience, but he also volunteered to photograph all of the honorees.

"Dick Elliott, a retired member of the Screen Actors Guild, attended the banquet as Benjamin Franklin whom he has portrayed hundreds of times all over the US and Europe. Ironically, he attended the Franklin School as a child. His wife, Muriel Elliott, assists him at his performances, portraying Deborah Reed Franklin."

"During his remarks, Mr. Elliott thanked her for creating his elaborate costume. In the senior superlatives of his WHS yearbook, he was voted class actor, and his classmates were right on target. In addition to playing the role of Franklin, he has appeared in numerous movies, television shows and stage performances over the years. His three sons and their families proudly watched Elliott receive this award..."

"The committee also recommends visiting the website at

teamed with Jason Segel ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall", TV's "How I Met Your Mother") his star takes off to new heights.

Rudd portrays real estate agent Peter Klaven, who's about to wed girlfriend Zoey (Rashida Jones of NBC's "The Office"). She has plenty of girlfriends, but Rudd's character, who has always related better to women, doesn't have anyone close enough to serve as his best man.

It may not sound too funny on the surface, but what Rudd does with his character is what makes the movie. the running joke of the movie.

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Shakespearean actor on Broadway, but these days he is one of the funniest guys on movie screens.

Thanks to appearances in "40-Year-Old-Virgin", "Knocked Up" and last year's "Role Models" he has become known as an up and coming comedic star, but in the bromantic comedy "I Love You, Man," a "bromance" in which he's

<http://www.whsalumnifoundation.com/> to learn more about the foundation. The first project is the renovation of WHS's theater space, formerly known as the Lecture Hall, and the foundation encourages alumni input and assistance."

FIRE PROOFED IN WILMINGTON
"Fire Chief Edward Bradbury spoke to Selectmen ... about several warrant articles that would benefit the Fire Department, if passed at Town meeting on May 2," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"Two articles seek to fund capital improvements while another changes the requirements of the Chief vis-a-vis the civil service exam requirements."

"Article 6 seeks the purchase of a new ladder truck, replacing the current vehicle, which was acquired by the town in 1986. Prior to 1986, the previous ladder truck was bought in 1959."

"Maintenance on the ladder truck was \$15,000 this year, with a 'wish list' of repairs topping \$40,000. Moreover, standards effecting fire apparatus change every five years, leaving the current vehicle outmoded, and expensive to bring into alignment. Current standards include fully enclosed cabs, climate control, and increased ladder tip loads."

"The current ladder truck, which is only 18 inches wide at the tip of the ladder, can accommodate up to 250 pounds."

"A firefighter in full gear weights about 250 pounds," said Bradbury, who asks for a 1,000 pound capacity, better enabling rooftop work and creating a safer platform for firefighters. For newer three-story buildings, like the Avalon apartments, the basket at the end of the ladder would better facilitate advancing hose lines, as opposed to walking through stairwells."

"The price tag for the vehicle is \$1,130,000; up already \$100,000 due in part to steel prices. The price is expected to rise seven percent next year. Town Manager Michael Cairra told Selectmen that he is looking in the \$950,000 to \$1 million range. The purchase would be financed through borrowing...."

"Town residents will decide the fate of these articles, and many more, at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at Wilmington High School gymnasium."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to schooltowns@comcast.net.

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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who was the last NBA player to win consecutive MVP awards?

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

The Saint Anselm College baseball, led by Nick Barese's (Braintree, Mass.) complete game, defeated the Penmen of

Southern New Hampshire 2-1 Thursday afternoon at Sullivan Park. The win improves the Hawks to 9-12 overall and 5-2 in NE-10 play, while the loss drops the Penmen to 8-12 overall and 5-4 in league contests.

Southern New Hampshire took the lead in the top of the fifth on a solo home run from senior first baseman Jeff Giannino (Beverly, Mass.) for the 1-0 lead.

After that Barese would not allow another Penmen runner to reach scoring position and Saint Anselm would knock five hits and score two runs in the bottom of the seventh. **SOPHOMORE CENTERFIELDER TJ MURPHY (READING)** would crack an RBI double and sophomore right fielder Jimmy Garrigan (Plymouth, Mass.) had an RBI single for the 2-1 NE-10 victory.

MOLLY TWOMEY, NORTH READING, daughter of Robert and Paula Twomey, was honored at the recent Austin Preparatory School Co-ed Swim Team Banquet by her coach, receiving the Middle School Award trophy. She earned her second Varsity letter for adding points in numerous events, including her efforts in the backstroke, as an eighth grader competing at the Varsity level. The Cougar Swim Team were champions in the Central Catholic League division.

Need some help with this week's question? The years were 2005 and 2006.

Juniors Jenna Banks (North Attleboro, MA) and Mike Clem (Charlton, MA) highlighted 16 women's and men's student-athletes who will be honored at the National Student-Athlete Day Luncheon Friday, Apr. 3 at Alumni Library (12:00).

The annual ceremony honors UMass Lowell's student-athletes who earned the top grade point averages on each team for the fall 2008 semester, along with the freshman male and female with the top averages. Student-athletes will be accompanied by their coaches as well as their professors of choice.

Also earning repeat honors was junior Frank Stegnar (Toronto, ONT), a left wing on the hockey team, who received a 4.0 in business management last fall; sophomore Hannah May (Hardwick, MA) of the softball team, who also earned a 4.0; and **JUNIOR**

CHRIS DIETSCH (TEWKSBURY) of the track and field team, who earned a 3.9.

Stegnar helped the hockey team to a 20-16-2 record (14-11-2 Hockey East, fifth) and an appearance in the Hockey East Tournament Championship game.

A second-year starter on the softball team, May helped the River Hawks to a 24-25 record a year ago, including a 17-11 showing in the NE-10, good for third place.

A hurdler, Dietsch is battling back from a torn Achilles tendon last year to compete this season.

Clem, Stegnar and May were among five student-athletes who received 4.0 averages last semester. Sophomore **BRIANNE BOZZELLA (WILMINGTON)** and **FRESHMAN HANNAH MERULLO (WAKEFIELD)** both earned perfect 4.0 averages while helping the women's soccer team to an 8-5-5 clip (6-3-5 NE-10) which included an appearance in the NE-10 Tournament semifinal.

A criminal justice major, Merullo earned the top GPA among all freshman females while Joshua Schussler (Wilbraham, MA), a sprinter on the track and field team, led the freshman males with a 3.8 in engineering.

Eight student-athletes earned the honor for the first time, including **SOPHOMORE VICKY WONG (TEWKSBURY)** of the volleyball team, who received a 3.9 average in liberal arts while helping the River Hawks to a 15-17 record (7-7 NE-10, seventh).

SOPHOMORE HEATHER MCCARTHY (BURLINGTON), a sprinter on the women's track and field team, received a 3.9 in psychology. She highlighted her freshman year by earning All-New England honors in the 4X400 meter relay and is overcoming an injury.

Junior Prisma Doriscat (Boston, MA) and sophomore Donte Brown (Raynham, MA) were each named Track Athletes of the Week while **SHADDI ALI (STONEHAM)** was named the Freshman Field Athlete of the Week, the Northeast-



New weed bylaws?

from S-1

Coakley, those kids went into a program called Clean Start, completed some classes, and then the charge was expunged. Those kids still got financial aid for college and kept clean records.

"There's no cop around that wants to lock up a kid for marijuana," said Coakley.

Marijuana is still illegal and police will confiscate it whenever encountered. Yet, Question 2 did not prohibit usage of the substance on public property either, so the new bylaws and ordinances aim to address that issue. As it stands now, a person smoking a joint at a playground would only receive a fine whereas a person drinking alcohol in a public place is arrested. If towns can pass the new bylaw, police will be able to charge people with smoking marijuana in public.

"Do I think we're going to

find kids smoking marijuana in public? Probably not," commented Neville. Still, public consumption of marijuana will not be a criminal offense.

"There is a significant battle that we are waging," said Sheehan. "Our underlying goal is to get to the people who are selling and distributing the drug. Oftentimes we'll work something out with people that cooperate. Ninety percent of the time the only way to get to the dealers is through the users."

After Question 2 passed, Governor Patrick asked the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to find a way to implement it. Once the AG's office certified the law, EOPSS put in place an implementation plan that provides a tremendous amount of information and resources to law enforcement agencies.

"What we do now, we make ourselves available to any law enforcement that may have a question, considering that this is still relatively new," said Terrell Harris, the Director of Communications for EOPSS. "On our website we have tried to break down in its simplest form Question two, explain it, what its consequences are, and we've put a list of questions in that we think are the most commonly asked questions and their answers."

Some legislators on Beacon Hill are getting into the act, filing legislation to make corrections to the law that they consider necessary. State Senator James Timilty, (D) Bristol and Norfolk, is one of those legislators. Neither he nor his chief of staff returned a call seeking comment this week.

Police also caution that 21st century marijuana is much more potent than that of the flower child era. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) levels, says Neville, are 100 percent or more potent than 20-30 years ago. Sheehan agrees, and adds that it costs a lot more too, leading to more crime.

Now with today's tough economy and job losses rising, theft often relates to drug use in order to sustain the habit.

"A lot of people that were social or functional drug users had jobs, but when they lose their jobs, their usage gets worse," said Sheehan. "A lot of people are out of work, and some steal and do things that they otherwise wouldn't do. The problem gets worse, not better."

10 Conference announced Monday.

Doriscat earned the honor for the first time as she captured three events at the Trinity College Bantam Invitational Saturday in Hartford, CT, which featured athletes from all three NCAA divisions.

Doriscat won the 100 meter dash in 12.80 seconds and moved on to capture the 200 meters in 26.79 seconds. She also ran a leg on UMass Lowell's 4X100 meter relay team which placed first in 50.21 seconds.

Brown captured the 400 meter hurdles and qualified for the NCAA Championship with a time of 52.25 seconds, currently the second-fastest time in the country.

Ali won the high jump at Trinity, clearing 6 feet, 1.5 inches.

Three River Hawks - **JUNIOR JACQUI BARRETT (WOBURN)**, sophomore Cory Murray (Methuen, MA) and sophomore Lauren Raimondi (East Longmeadow, MA) - were named to the NE-10 Weekly Honor Roll.

Raimondi captured the 100 meter hurdles in 15.53 seconds and cleared 4' 11.75" to win the high jump while Barrett placed second in the shot put with a toss of 44' 6.75", which met the NCAA provisional standard.

Murray captured the men's shot put with a throw of 49' 3.5.

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Point guard Steve Nash won it with Phoenix in 2005 and 2006.

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President of Residential Lending for 3 East Boston Savings Bank will be on hand to speak about their field of expertise and the legal, financial, mortgage, and real estate issues specific to seniors.

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Fitness tips for baby boomers

Few lifestyle changes have become more widely accepted and successful than the commitment many people have made to physical fitness. Over the last 20 years, more and more people have joined gyms in an effort to improve their quality of life.

One particular group that has increasingly emphasized this commitment to physical fitness is Baby Boomers. As advancements in medicine have helped to increase life

result. In addition, write down exactly what your regimen is and share this with your physician. That way, if you do have any aches and pains, the doctor can most likely get at the root of those problems and help you alter your program to eliminate or minimize these negative side effects.

Another valuable result of sharing your routine with your physician is that a doctor familiar with your medical history can help ensure you're

go to the office each day and stick to their once regular routine. An exercise buddy can encourage socializing, which in turn can improve overall quality of life.

* Don't be afraid to sweat: Boomers should still aspire to sweat a little during their workouts. While maxing out on the bench press should no longer be a goal, Baby Boomers should keep in mind that a moderate workout where they sweat a little is beneficial. However, if an exercise regimen routinely

leaves you with shortness of breath or a noticeably elevated heartbeat, consult your physician and be prepared to scale back your workout.

* Make it fun: Exercise regimens that are dull are far less likely to be adhered to than workouts that you enjoy. Many gyms offer classes such as pilates that are open to members. Many times, classes are age-specific, meaning they're tailored to certain age groups. For Baby Boomers, these classes are ideal, as they're not going to push you to your limits but still provide valuable exercise. Also, these classes can be a great way to meet people.



expectancy and quality of life, many Boomers have simultaneously grown more health-conscious in an effort to make their approaching golden years more enjoyable and healthy. However, Boomers would be wise to consider the following fitness tips to ensure they get the most out of their exercise regimens.

* Work with your physician: Even if you feel great, it's wise to work with your physician when starting or altering an existing exercise regimen. Discuss how you feel after a workout, including any aches and pains that might

choosing routines that aren't going to inflame any preexisting conditions.

* Get an exercise buddy: Whether it's with a friend or spouse, exercising with a buddy is a great way to ensure you'll stick to your program. Exercising alone can become very boring, leading to a lower level of commitment than many people aspire to at the onset.

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16 EMERSON ST was sold to GMAC Mortgage LLC by GMAC Mortgage LLC & Nildo D. Lima for \$258,519
111 FRANKLIN ST was sold to Mark M. Warren & Rachel L. Meredith-warren by Glenn Joseph Ferro for \$265,000

-TEWKSBURY-

662 CLARK RD #10 was sold to Clark Road Holding LLC by Mark E. Aldrich for \$335,000
52 DEWEY ST was sold to Phyllis D. Crim by Lena R. Page for \$225,000
1048 SOUTH ST was sold to Brian Smart by Nicola Galante for \$259,000
600 WHIPPLE RD was sold to Cris Investments LLC by Mark Bennett & Lasalle Bk for \$216,000
600 WHIPPLE RD was sold to Eric C. Shaw by Cris Investments LLC for \$259,500

-WAKEFIELD-

51 CORDIS ST was sold to Michael J. & April M. Gorham by Judith A. Bedell Est & Mark Ferracane for \$279,900
10 MONTCLARE AVE was sold to Jaime L. & Philip N. Picariello by Heritage Builders Inc for \$655,000
410 SALEM ST #101 was sold to Wainwright B&T Co by Michael J. Sullivan & Wainwright B&T Co for \$325,000

-WILMINGTON-

30 ADAMS ST was sold to Bruce D. & Pamela A. Spear by James A. & Theresa E. Gay for \$361,000
FAIRFIELD RD was sold to Jason Vachon by Frederick P. Melzar T & Jean J. Melzar for \$15,000
1 GLENVIEW RD was sold to Galvin J. & Ashley A. Murphy by Golden RT & Debra Ann Goldberg for \$365,000

-WOBURN-

21 BOYD RD was sold to Donald V. & Lisa Devereaux by David M. Devereaux for \$55,000
38 SAMOSET RD was sold to Ryan Tobin by Mark Swymer & Thomas Clair for \$265,000
11 TREMONT ST was sold to Anthony & Mary Stefanelli by James F. & Veronica J. Lawton for \$465,000
6 WYMAN ST was sold to John R. & Beverly McLaughlin by Theodore & Kimberly A. Mouras for \$265,000

-LYNNFIELD-

15 WALNUT ST was sold to NE Heritage Prop Corp by Betterbuilt Constr LLC & Stoneham SB for \$1,250,000

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What are mortgage-backed securities?

In October 2008, U.S. President George W. Bush signed into law a bill for a \$700 billion financial rescue plan to stabilize the economy. Among the items the government would be purchasing were "toxic" securities that were festering in the global market. As part of the bank rescue plan, President Bush requested bids from managers of mortgage-backed securities.

With this historic government intervention, the topic of mortgage-backed securities has been mentioned on many occasions. They have been a drain on the economy and contributed to this financial crisis, contributing to the insolvency of many banks and investment firms that have been around for decades. But many people aren't quite sure just what mortgage-backed securities are.

The mortgage-backed securities (MBS) market came into play in the early 1980s. Before then each mortgage was a separate transaction from a bank. With MBSs, companies such as the now defunct Bear Stearns or Lehman Brothers buy several mortgages from a primary lender, which is the company

from which you actually received your mortgage. This "pool" of mortgages is used by investment banks that use your monthly payments, and those of thousands of others whose mortgages have been bought out, as the revenue stream to pay investors who have bought chunks of the securities offering. This scenario allows smaller lenders to replenish funds and continue to sell mortgages to the people who want them. Though many firms dabble in mortgage-backed securities, most MBSs are issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), a U.S. government agency, or the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), U.S. government-sponsored enterprises.

In a good economy with a stable housing market and relatively low interest rates, MBSs may be a sound investment. Mortgage payments are made on time, and the people or companies that bought the mortgage-backed securities receive a steady stream of payments. But when the hous-

ing market isn't faring well, interest rates rise, and people who took out "creative mortgages" have trouble making their payments. As was the case during the latter half of 2008 in the U.S., problems can arise. Owners of mortgage-backed securities are no longer receiving steady payments, and firms that borrow heavily to finance the pur-

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5 OAK ST was sold to Robert J. Foley by Meenakshi Dalal for \$205,000

-NORTH READING-

335 HAVERHILL ST was sold to Kevin F. Dunbar by Marcia J. Spencer for \$457,500
19 OLD ANDOVER RD was sold to FNMA by Deborah J. Manos & JP Morgan Chase Bk for \$365,097

-READING-

BUCKINGHAM ST #32B was sold to William A. & Camille W. Anthony by Sage Dev Corp for \$30,000
30 LAWRENCE RD was sold to Yeun Kyung Kim by Golden RT & Debra Ann Goldberg for \$449,900
73 LONGFELLOW RD was sold to Daniel A. & Danielle L. Lang by Joseph I & Kathleen B Cullen for \$385,000
516 WEST ST was sold to Fay Homes LLC by Timothy G. Morrison for \$120,000
101 WINTHROP AVE was sold to Robert M. Miller by Norman M. Martin for \$282,000

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